

Section **Grammar**

The grammar section in the SLC examination carries 11 marks. Here is the chart that shows the question types and the marks they carry:

Contents	Number of questions		Total	FM
	Multiple choice (6 Marks)	Fill in the gaps (contextual passage) (5 marks)		
Articles	1	1	2	1
Prepositions	1	1	2	1
Tags	1	1	2	1
Concord	1	1	2	1
Transformation	2	-	2	1
Tense	1	1	2	1
Reported speech	1	1	2	1
Voice	1	1	2	1
Connectives	1	1	2	1
Conditional	1	1	2	1
Causative verbs	1	1	2	1
Total	12	10	22	11

Some practice questions with answer key

Contextual Passages

- 1. Choose the correct word from the brackets to complete the passage below:
(0.5×10=5)**

Half an hour before daybreak three of the boys assembled, as they agreed, near the old bridge.(A, An, The) fourth, a boy by the name of Tolly, had not turned up. His absence did not make the others(feel, to feel, felt) greatly surprise. They knew that his mother did not want him to come(at, on, in) this expedition into the forest.

Charles,(where, who, whose) was the oldest and their accepted leader, waded downstream to the place where their boat was tied up in the shelter of some overhanging bushes. Then he rowed the boat back to the shallow water near the bridge, where the boys loaded it with the provisions, blankets and other things that they(was, were, are) taking on their journey. Dawn was just breaking as they climbed into their boat and pushed off from the bank. A swift current carried them downstream, so there was no need to row. They took it in turns to keep the boat in the centre of the river. Three hours later they(entered, had entered,

would enter) the forest where they intended to spend the next few days. "Let's go ashore now and make some tea," suggested Charles. "No one will see us here,.....(won't he, will they, won't they)?"(It was forbidden, People had forbidden, They forbid) to light fires in the forest, but people rarely came this way.

While Charles tied the boat up, the other two boys set about gathering wood for a fire. When they came back, each with a large handful of sticks, they found Charles looking very worried. He announced gloomily that they(We haven't got, they hadn't got, have they got) any matches,". "Tolly was going to bring them." This was bad news. They were miles away now from the nearest shop. Had they thought about it before they set off, they(would not have got, will not have got, had not got) that problem.

**2. Choose the correct word from the brackets to complete the passage below:
(0.5×10=5)**

One day, a Lion had been lying under a bush, yawned, rolled over once or twice and said to himself, 'Thank God I am so strong that I need fear no one(at, on, in) this earth! I am not like these stupid mosquitoes who are afraid of everyone(although, but, because) anyone can crush them.'

The mosquitoes heard him and(was, were, are) very angry that they should be thought of so badly.

'Don't think that no one can get the better of you, Lion, just because you're so big and strong,' one of them said. 'If we unite together, we(would, may, had) prove to be your equals.'

'.....(How fool you are!, How fool they were!, How fool are you!),' roared the Lion angrily. 'You had better be careful of what you say. Why, I can crush the lot of you with one paw!'

At this the mosquitoes(flies, would fly, flew) at the Lion and began to bite him all over! He turned over on his back and waved all his four paws together and bit his teeth too, but nothing helped. Quite a few mosquitoes.....(were killed, killed, had killed) by the tiger, but their numbers seemed not to lessen and they kept coming at him as though someone was pouring them out of a bag. The Lion tried jumping into(the, an, a) air. He ran round the bush, but the mosquitoes went on biting him and never stopped.

At last the Lion began begging them. 'Do please stop and leave me,.....(will you, are you, shall we)?' he said. 'I wasn't making fun of you, really I wasn't. Take pity on me for the love of God!'

The mosquitoes left the Lion, rose into the air in a great cloud and said, 'Don't boast, Lion, neither of your strength nor of your wisdom!' At last they made the lion(run, to run, runs) away.

3. Choose the correct word from the brackets to complete the passage below:

(0.5×10=5)

When we entered the restaurants, I was surprised to find it completely full. I looked around- but not a single table(was, were, is) free. One of the waiters recognized me. He came across and explained the situation. "A party of tourists came in about half(a, an, the) hour ago," he said. "It was like an invasion! Suddenly the place was full! We could hardly manage! If you had come earlier, you.....(will get, would have got, would get) the table."

The waiter then pointed to a table(on, at, in) the corner. "The people there are just about to leave," he said. "Just hold on and you'll find a place there." He was right. Fifteen minutes later, the people at the corner table paid their bill, got up and(leave, left, had left). I led my friends across and we all sat down. I got another waiter(clean, to clean, cleaned) the table.

Unfortunately, our table was almost out of sight. We tried to attract the attention of the waiter who sent us there but he was also busy with the party of tourists. They(ordered, were ordered, were being ordered) enormous quantities of food. But at last, nearly an hour later, the tourists were finishing their meal and looking very pleased with life. The waiter, now very tired, appeared at our table. I advised my friends about the best dishes(as, but, and) finally the waiter went off with our order.

A few moments later he came back to our table. We could tell from his face that he had bad news for us. Full of apologies, he informed us that(there was, there is, was there) no meat or fish left. "All we can offer you," he said, 'is an omelette! You'd prefer to have it,(don't, wouldn't, hadn't) you?'

4. Choose the correct word from the brackets to complete the passage below:

(0.5×10=5)

It was very late when an old beggar man came to a rich farmyard. He(had travelled, travelled, will have travelled) far that day, he was tired

and hungry. He said to himself, 'I must get someone(to help, help, helped) me because it was snowing. I will go up here, maybe the farmer will help me. He could probably give me somewhere to lie down.'

.....(So, When, Since) the old beggar man walked up to the farmhouse and he knocked on the door. The farmer was just finishing his tea, and his wife said, 'There's someone(for, on, at) the door. You heard the knock,(did, didn't, wouldn't) you?'

The farmer said, 'Well, I'll go and see who's there.' He walked out and there at his door stood an old beggar man with his old gray hair and his old ragged coat. And the farmer said, '.....(What do you want, what he wanted, what did you want), old man?'

He said, 'Please, sir. I'm just(a, an, the) old beggar. It's a cold night and it's snowing. I'm hungry and tired. I(would get, will get, get) some rest if you provide me a place to lie down for the night.'

And the farmer said, 'You're a beggar! old man, I need my barns for my cattle. The woods(is, are, was) fit for you. Go and sleep in the woods, old man, we shelter no beggars here.'

The old beggar just turned round. He said, 'I'm sorry, sir' And he walked away.

And the door(was closed, closed, will close) by the farmer.

**5. Choose the correct word from the brackets to complete the passage below:
(0.5×10=5)**

One morning..... (in/on/at) early April, I..... (woke/wake/awake) up to see my friend Sherlock Holmes standing by my bedside. I blinked at him in surprise. "....., Watson (I was sorry to wake you up/ I am sorry to wake you up/ I have been sorry to wake you up) he said, "..... (but/ because/ and) we have a client waiting in the sitting room. She is a young lady. It seems she (has/ have/ had) something very urgent to communicate. You would be interested in hearing what she has to say,? (wouldn't you/ won't you/ didn't you)? "

"Of course I would, my dear fellow," I said. I dressed quickly and left for the sitting room.

..... (A/ An/ The) client was a young lady dressed in black. She looked pale and frightened. "You must not be afraid," said Holmes soothingly. Things..... (will be put/ is put/ are put) right by us, I assure you. Please tell us everything about your problem, madam," said Holmes. "If you..... (don't tell/ didn't tell/hadn't told) us your problem clearly, it will be difficult for us to solve your case". Mr. Holmes..... (had/ got/ gets) her tell everything and she did the same.

6. Choose the correct word from the brackets to complete the passage below:

(0.5×10=5)

One cold afternoon, the postman was slowly pushing his bicycle up the hill that led out of the village. He was walking very carefully because there(is, are, was) a lot of ice on the ground. If he had delivered all the letters, he(would have been, had been, would be) in his home. He had only one letter to deliver: This was for(a, an, the) old lady who lived at the top of the hill.

Everyone called her "grandmother". She had lived alone ever since her daughter had emigrated to Australia many years before. She always used to invite the postman in(with, since, for) a cup of tea whenever he took her a letter and told him about her two grand children in Australia, whom she had never seen. Of course, she had lots of photographs of them, which she used to show him.

Just as the postman approached her gate, a small boy(was coming, came, comes) running down the hill. Suddenly, the boy slipped on the icy road and fell. The postman led his bicycle fall and hurried across the road to help the boy. After a quick examination, he found that the boy's leg.....(hurt, was hurt, had hurt) very badly. In fact, he thought that the boy's leg might be broken. He knew that "grandmother" didn't have a telephone, so he stopped a passing motorist and asked him,(to take the boy, took the boy, if he takes the boy) to Dr. Stone,(where, who, which) lived in the village. Dr. Stone had just retired, after returning from a voyage round the world.

The postman called a girl form a nearby house. He said, "This is your house,(isn't it, isn't this, is it)? Will you bring a glass of water?" He had her(to bring, bring, brought) a glass of water. The postman looked after the boy until they could get an ambulance to take him to hospital.

Multiple Choice

1. Rewrite the following sentences selecting the correct words from the brackets: 0.5×12=6

- a. My sister is (a, an, the, nothing) M. A. student.
- b. My father lives in Chitwan (to, by, with, of) my mother.
- c. Let me open the door,? (shall we, shan't you, will you, don't you)
- d. Renu and Bina (is, am, are, be) the best teachers of our school.
- e. Hari didn't (built, builds, build, builded) his house.
- f. (Are, Do, Does, Is) he sing songs daily?
- g. Pramod..... (is painting, had painted, has painted, was painting) his house, it looks nice.

- h. Our school is very nice. It (is build, was built, will built, has built) by the villagers.
- i. I asked the doctor if I the antibiotics. (take, can take, could take, took)
- j. She couldn't solve it (because of, as, in spite of, although) her weakness.
- k. They could have done it if they (tried, try, would try, had तचष्मम०)
- l. Rita got her dress (washed, to wash, wash, washing).

2. Rewrite the following sentences selecting the correct words from the brackets: 0.5×12=6

- a. I went to church to observe its architecture. (a, an, the)
- b. Hari is true his name. (to, for, with)
- c. This is the temple which opens only on Mondays,? (isn't this, isn't it, isn't that)
- d. The South African cricket team all under thirty years of age. (is, am, are)
- e. His prize winning landscape was in the National Art Gallery? (hung, hanged, hang)
- f. While Christhe dishes, Stephen knocked at the door. (was cleaning, had been cleaning, is cleaning)
- g. We postponed the concert. That means the concert (were postponed, was postponed, were being postponed)
- h. "What shall I eat, mother?", he said. He asked his mother what (he shall eat, he would eat, I should eat)
- i. Jason will do not work he is forced. (although, however, unless)
- j. If you pull this chain, the train (would stop, stops, will stop)
- k. I got the barber my hair. (to cut, cutting, cut)
- l. Have you passed the exam? No,(I didn't pass/I have passed/I haven't)

3. Rewrite the following sentences selecting the correct words from the brackets: 0.5×12=6

- a. Carol is from U.K. (a, an, the)
- b. He is free anxieties. (with, from, of)
- c. You'd do homework daily,? (don't you, shouldn't you, wouldn't you)
- d. Every book and note-book been torn by the little child. (has, have, haves)
- e. I sometimes go to the cinema go to the cinema ? (Do you sometimes, Do you ever, Did you always)
- f. Did she know the way to your house? Yes, she it. (know, knows, knew)
- g. As soon as I cracked jokes, everybody (laugh, laughs, laughed)

- h. Kumar asked me some tea. (if I have, to have, he has)
- i. No one stole my book. My book (was stolen by no one, was stolen, was not stolen)
- j. Mohan is lazy, he is very nice boy. (Because of, Although, So)
- k. If I you, I would never anger with my friends. (was, were, am)
- l. They made me (to dance, dance, danced)

4. Rewrite the following sentences selecting the correct words form the brackets: 0.5×12=6

- a. That could be useful information. (a/ an/ the)
- b. He has been school for ten years. (in/ to/ at)
- c. She seldom does the homework,? (doesn't she/ don't she/ does she)
- d. The data incorrect. (is/ are/ was)
- e. I always remember to talk him on telephone. The negative form of this is, I to talk him on telephone. (always forget/ never forget/ forget)
- f. Man Bahadur drives a car but he a bus. (doesn't drive, doesn't drives, don't drive)
- g. He asleep while he was driving. (falls/ has fallen/ fell)
- h. The letters by this time tomorrow. (will posted/ were posted/ will have been posted)
- i. "Why are you late?" He asked me (why I am late/ why I was late/ Why I was being late)
- j. men and women were drafted into the army. (Neither/ Either/ Both)
- k. She would lose weight if she fewer sweets. (will eat/ ate/ had eaten)
- l. His mother made him ... his medicine. (to take/ take/ taken)

5. Rewrite the following sentences selecting the correct words from the brackets: 0.5×12=6

- a. Atlantic ocean is (a, an, the, nothing) biggest ocean.
- b. Prakash will have finished it (for, at, from, by) tomorrow.
- c. None helped me last week.....? (did he, don't they, didn't they, did they)
- d. I put them into the basket but my friend (put/ did put/ didn't)
- e. There neither a cat nor any rats. (was/ are/ were)
- f. 'Barsha sometimes comes to see me.' come to see me ?' (Does she sometimes/ Do you ever / Do you sometimes)
- g. Pramita (helped, helps, helping, will help) us daily in the past.
- h. (Who, By whom, By who, Who by) is it finished?

- i. Mr. Giri said to his student's, "...." (Not to make a noise, Maken't noise, Don't make noise, Didn't make noise)
- j. Rajendra (which, whose, whom, where) everyone likes, works in school.
- k. He made us a song yesterday. (Sang, to sang, sing, singing)
- l. If you want to pass the exam, (work well, worked well, not to work well, works well)

6. Rewrite the following sentences choosing the best alternatives given in the brackets. 0.5x12=6

- a. Rabina foundone rupee coin on the way. (a, an, the)
- b. These students are obedient.....their teachers. (at, to, for)
- c. I am a student,.....? (aren't I , am I , don't I)
- d. The policerecently caught the criminals. (has, have, had)
- e. Prem doesn't like it but Rina.....(like, likes, liked)
- f. 'Does it have any sense?' The statement of this question is '.....'(It have some sense. It has any sense, It has some sense)
- g. Bandanaher key. She still can't enter the house. (lost, has lost, loses)
- h. My father asked us.....(what he wants, what did he want, what we wanted)
- i. Someone has stolen my pen. My pen(is stolen, has been stolen, has stolen)
- j.his intelligence, he failed the exam. (in spite of, because of, although)
- k. Unless you invite her, she.....come. (would, wouldn't, won't)
- l. The peoplethe leaders keep their words. (has, get, make)

Answer Key

Contextual Passages

- 1. The, feel, at, who, were, entered, will they, It was forbidden, they hadn't got, would not have got
- 2. on, because, were, may, how fool you are, flew, were killed, the, will you, run
- 3. was, an, would get, at, left, to clean, ordered, and, there was, wouldn't
- 4. had travelled, to help, so, at, didn't, what do you want, an, will get, are, was closed
- 5. in, woke, am sorry to wake you up, but, has, wouldn't you, the, will be put, don't tell, had

6. was, would have been, an, for, came, was hurt, to take the boy,
who, isn't it, bring

Multiple Choice

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|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. a. an | b. with | c. will you | d. are |
| e. build | f. Does | g. is painting | h. was built |
| i. could take | j. because of | k. had tried | l. washed |
| 2. a. the | b. to | c. isn't it | d. are |
| e. hanged | f. was cleaning | g. was postponed | h. he would eat |
| i. unless | j. will stop | k. to cut | l. I haven't |
| 3. a. the | b. from | c. wouldn't | d. has |
| e. Do you sometimes | f. knew | g. laughed | h. to have |
| i. was not stolen | j. Although | k. were | l. dance |
| 4. a. a | b. in | c. does she | d. are |
| e. always forget | f. doesn't drive | g. fell | h. will have been posted |
| i. why I was late | j. Both | k. ate | l. take |
| 5. a. the | b. by | c. did they | d. didn't |
| e. were | f. Does she sometimes | g. helped | h. By whom |
| i. Don't make noise | j. whom | k. sing | l. work well |
| 6. a. a | b. to | c. aren't I? | d. have |
| e. likes | f. It has some sense | g. has lost | h. what we wanted |
| i. has been stolen | j. in spite of | k. won't | l. make. |

Note: We have not included the content and rules of grammar this time since it occupies a greater space and we would not have been able to include practice exercises along with it . So, we apologize for the inconvenience caused and suggest you to refer to our "Self learning material" that will soon be available in the market.