

IN-CLASS PRACTICE · ENGLISH CLASS 07 · TONES OF PASSAGES — PART 5

Tone – Sombre Family (Four Sad Cousins)

Sombre · Elegiac · Plaintive · Melancholic (SB · EL · PL · ML)

DATE _____	TOTAL MARKS 50	DURATION 30 minutes	MARKING +1 / -0	TARGET ≥ 42 / 50
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SOMBRE FAMILY — FOUR COUSINS OF SADNESS All four convey sadness — the question is what **KIND**. Sombre is grim reality, Elegiac mourns a specific loss, Plaintive laments or pleads, Melancholic reflects on quiet personal sadness. Decide the **flavour**, not just the fact of sadness.

SB · SOMBRE
 Serious, grave, dark description of unpleasant reality.
 CUES · crisis · devastation · grim · tragic · grave · disaster · severe · uncertain outlook

EL · ELEGIAC
 Mourning or remembrance for something lost or vanished.
 CUES · remembers · mourns · tribute · vanished · once...now · end of an era · farewell

PL · PLAINTIVE
 Lament, yearning, complaint or cry of sorrow.
 CUES · why must · how long · how many · must we · disheartening · heartbreaking · plea

ML · MELANCHOLIC
 Quiet, reflective, personal sadness — often nostalgic.
 CUES · quiet / gentle sadness · memories · wistful · childhood · nostalgic · long ago · time passing

SECTION 1 · THREE-LINER IDENTIFICATION Q 1-50 | Mark SB / EL / PL / ML | ~35 SEC/Q

Section 1 · Three-liner identification (Mark one of SB / EL / PL / ML) 3-LINERS | Q 1-50 | 50 Qs

- Q1. The report documents the destruction caused by years of civil conflict. Entire communities have been displaced, and rebuilding efforts remain slow. Many families continue to live in uncertainty.
 SB EL PL ML
- Q2. The old railway station once connected distant towns and bustling markets. Now, weeds grow between its tracks, and silence fills its halls. The author reflects on what has been lost.
 SB EL PL ML
- Q3. How many warnings about climate change must be ignored before meaningful action is taken? Scientists have sounded the alarm for decades. The continued inaction is deeply frustrating.
 SB EL PL ML
- Q4. As she walked through her childhood neighborhood, memories surfaced unexpectedly. The familiar streets seemed unchanged, yet everything felt different. A quiet sadness lingered within her.
 SB EL PL ML
- Q5. The documentary portrays the worsening humanitarian crisis in the region. Food shortages and disease have become widespread. The situation remains alarming.
 SB EL PL ML
- Q6. The poet recalls evenings when families gathered to share stories by candlelight. Such traditions have almost disappeared in the modern world. His recollections are filled with sorrow.
 SB EL PL ML
- Q7. Why do we continue to neglect public education despite its importance? Generations of children are paying the price for our indifference. The situation demands urgent attention.
 SB EL PL ML
- Q8. The scent of old books reminded him of afternoons spent in the town library. Those days seemed impossibly distant now. The memory left him wistful.
 SB EL PL ML
- Q9. Floodwaters swept through the region, destroying homes and livelihoods. Thousands remain displaced months after the disaster. Recovery has been painfully slow.
 SB EL PL ML
- Q10. The author reflects on the disappearance of local dialects once spoken throughout the countryside. Younger generations rarely hear them today. Their loss feels irreversible.
 SB EL PL ML
- Q11. Must every patch of green space be sacrificed for commercial development? Cities are becoming increasingly disconnected from nature. The trend is disheartening.
 SB EL PL ML
- Q26. The author remembers a time when neighbors gathered regularly to celebrate community events. Such bonds have weakened considerably. Their absence is deeply felt.
 SB EL PL ML
- Q27. Must we continue ignoring the plight of endangered ecosystems? Their destruction affects countless forms of life. The neglect is heartbreaking.
 SB EL PL ML
- Q28. As dusk settled over the lake, she thought about friendships that had faded over time. The calm water reflected her mood. She felt quietly nostalgic.
 SB EL PL ML
- Q29. The study documents rising rates of malnutrition among children. Experts warn of long-term developmental consequences. The data is alarming.
 SB EL PL ML
- Q30. The church bells no longer ring through the valley as they once did. The author reflects on the passing of a simpler age. His words carry a sense of mourning.
 SB EL PL ML
- Q31. How many preventable accidents must occur before safety regulations improve? The repeated failures are difficult to understand. Lives continue to be lost.
 SB EL PL ML
- Q32. The worn-out diary contained entries from decades ago. Reading them transported her back to another chapter of life. A soft sadness accompanied each page.
 SB EL PL ML
- Q33. Economic decline has forced many businesses to close. Job losses have affected thousands of families. The future remains uncertain.
 SB EL PL ML
- Q34. The writer pays tribute to a river that once sustained the region's culture and economy. Pollution has altered it beyond recognition. Its decline is lamented throughout the essay.
 SB EL PL ML
- Q35. Why do policymakers continue to ignore warnings from environmental experts? Delayed action will only increase future costs. The pattern is frustrating.
 SB EL PL ML
- Q36. The melody reminded him of long summer evenings spent with friends. Those days seemed distant and irretrievable. He listened in thoughtful silence.
 SB EL PL ML

Q12. Watching the first snowfall of winter, she remembered family gatherings long ago. Many of those faces were no longer present. The moment filled her with gentle sadness.

SB EL PL ML

Q13. The investigation reveals widespread corruption within public institutions. Citizens have lost confidence in systems meant to serve them. The findings are troubling.

SB EL PL ML

Q14. The memorial honors workers who lost their lives during the disaster. Visitors leave flowers and messages in their memory. The atmosphere is one of remembrance.

SB EL PL ML

Q15. Why must marginalized communities continue to fight for basic rights? Their struggles have persisted for generations. Such injustice is difficult to accept.

SB EL PL ML

Q16. An old photograph slipped from between the pages of a book. It captured a summer that seemed frozen in time. Looking at it brought a quiet ache.

SB EL PL ML

Q17. The region faces severe drought conditions for the third consecutive year. Crops have failed, and water supplies are dwindling. Experts fear worsening consequences.

SB EL PL ML

Q18. The essay commemorates a newspaper that shaped public discourse for decades. Its closure marked the end of an era. Many readers still miss it.

SB EL PL ML

Q19. How much longer will governments postpone action on rising sea levels? Coastal communities face growing risks every year. Their concerns deserve attention.

SB EL PL ML

Q20. The train journey reminded him of trips he once took with his father. The passing landscape stirred memories he had nearly forgotten. He felt quietly reflective.

SB EL PL ML

Q21. The report highlights increasing levels of homelessness across major cities. Shelters are overcrowded, and resources remain scarce. The crisis continues to deepen.

SB EL PL ML

Q22. The village square once echoed with music during annual festivals. Today, those celebrations survive only in stories. The author mourns their disappearance.

SB EL PL ML

Q23. Why are warnings about biodiversity loss so often dismissed? Each extinct species represents an irreversible loss. Our indifference is troubling.

SB EL PL ML

Q24. The empty playground stood unchanged after many years. Seeing it brought back memories of carefree afternoons. He felt unexpectedly sad.

SB EL PL ML

Q25. War has left hospitals damaged and infrastructure in ruins. Access to healthcare has become increasingly difficult. The consequences are severe.

SB EL PL ML

Q37. The aftermath of the earthquake remains visible years later. Many buildings have never been rebuilt. Communities continue to struggle.

SB EL PL ML

Q38. The article reflects on the closure of a century-old bookstore. It had been a gathering place for generations of readers. Its loss is deeply mourned.

SB EL PL ML

Q39. Must future generations inherit the consequences of our environmental negligence? We have ample evidence of the dangers ahead. Yet little changes.

SB EL PL ML

Q40. The old bench overlooking the sea remained exactly where it had always been. It reminded her of conversations that could never happen again. She sat there in silence.

SB EL PL ML

Q41. The famine has affected millions across the region. Relief agencies warn that resources are insufficient. Conditions remain dire.

SB EL PL ML

Q42. The poet remembers a disappearing craft practiced by artisans for centuries. Few now possess the necessary skills. The poem mourns its decline.

SB EL PL ML

Q43. Why has society become so indifferent to the suffering of others? Compassion seems increasingly rare. The author expresses disappointment and concern.

SB EL PL ML

Q44. The sight of the abandoned house brought back memories of family reunions. Laughter once filled its rooms. Now only silence remained.

SB EL PL ML

Q45. The report examines the devastating impact of deforestation on local communities. Wildlife habitats have been destroyed, and livelihoods disrupted. The findings are grave.

SB EL PL ML

Q46. The museum exhibition honors a civilization that disappeared centuries ago. Artifacts offer glimpses into a lost world. Visitors are invited to remember its legacy.

SB EL PL ML

Q47. How many cultural traditions must vanish before we recognize their value? Their disappearance leaves society poorer. The author laments this trend.

SB EL PL ML

Q48. As evening approached, he watched the sun sink behind the hills. The scene reminded him of years that had passed too quickly. A gentle sadness settled over him.

SB EL PL ML

Q49. The refugee crisis has placed enormous strain on neighboring countries. Humanitarian agencies struggle to meet growing needs. The outlook remains uncertain.

SB EL PL ML

Q50. The writer reflects on a generation whose stories are fading from public memory. Their experiences shaped the world we know today. The essay serves as a farewell and tribute.

SB EL PL ML