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Provincial Department of Education – Northern Province

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Grade - 8

English Language

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ANSWER **ALL** QUESTIONS **ON THIS PAPER ITSELF**.

Test 1

Select the suitable antonyms from column B for the words given in column A. Put the numbers in the brackets.

A	B	
1. Legal	Discourage	( )
2. Complex	Defeat	( )
3. Foreign	Illegal	( )
4. Encourage	Simple	( )
5. Victory	Local	( )

(1x5=5 marks)

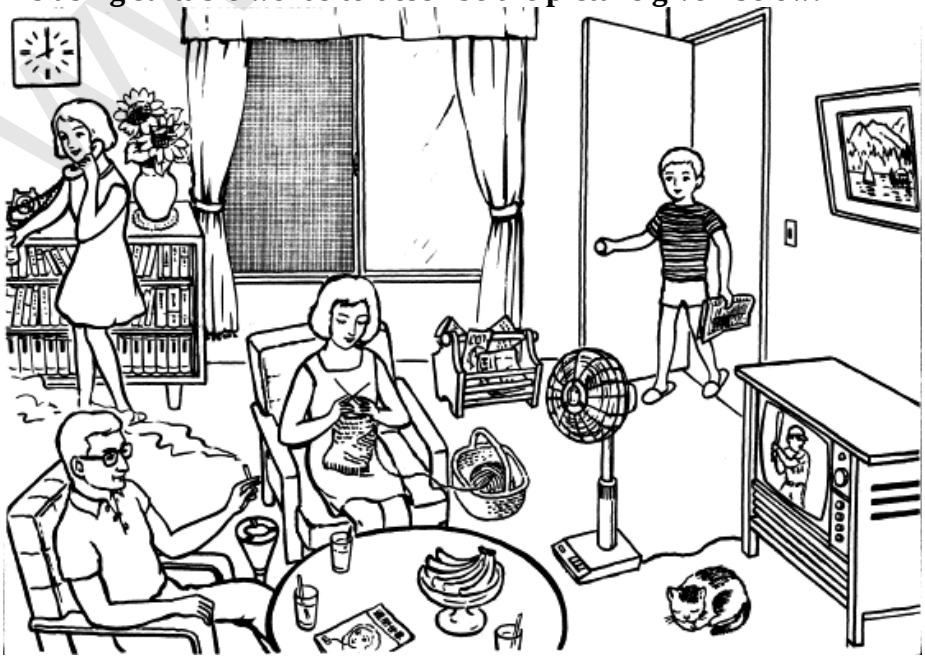
Test 2

Write the plural forms of the uncountable nouns given below. The 1st one is done for you.

1. A glass of water – …**glasses of water**……..
2. A sheet of paper – …….
3. A bag of rice – …….
4. A piece of cake – …….
5. A packet of milk – …….
6. A slice of bread – ……. (1x5=5 marks)

Test 3

Fill in the blanks using suitable words to describe the picture given below.



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This is a picture of a (1) ……. There are four people in this picture. A lady is (2) …… and a man is watching (3) …… A boy at the door has a (4) …… in his hand. A cat is (5) …… on the floor. Some flowers are (6) …….. the vase. The girl (7) …… the bookshelf is talking over the (8) ……. A ball of thread is in the (9) ……. There are many (10) ……. in the bookshelf. (1x10=10 marks)

Test 4

Choose the appropriate reflexive pronouns to make meaningful sentences.

1. My classmates did the decorations by (ourselves / themselves).
2. The boy (himself / myself) made the kite.
3. Did you do it all by (yourself / herself)?
4. The deer defended (ourselves / itself) form the tiger.
5. I (myself / himself) completed the assignment. (1x5=5 marks)

Test 5

Put the jumbled words in correct order to form meaningful sentences. First one is done for you.

a) he / avoided / could / easily / accident / have / the
   He could have avoided the accident easily.
b) schools / most / the / at / 7.30 a.m / of/ start
   ……..
c) habit / Reading / good /a / is
   ……..
d) prepare / Akshara / has / a / to / speech
   ……..
e) prepares / mother / meals / my / morning / early / the
   ……..
f) teacher/ Nature/ excellent/ is /an
   ……(2x5=10 marks)

Test 6

Read the poem and answer the questions given below.

The Kitten at Play

by *William Wordsworth*

See the kitten on the wall,
Sporting with the leaves that fall,
Withered leaves, one, two and three
Falling from the elder tree,
Through the calm and frosty air
Of the morning bright and fair.

i. Where is the kitten? ……
ii. What is it sporting with? ……
iii. Fill in the blanks. The (a)…….. leaves are falling from the (b)……..tree.
iv. Say true (T) or false (F).
   a. The fresh leaves are falling from the younger tree. (……..)
   b. The morning is bright and fair. (……..)
v. Find the rhyming words
   a). wall – fall b). three - ……. c). air - …….. (5 Marks)

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Test 7

Fill in the blanks with the suitable conjunction given in brackets. First one is done for you.

1. It was very hot inside the room……So…… (So / But) I switched on the fan.
2. I did not go to school yesterday..... (since / before) it was a holiday.
3. I like to play volleyball..... (but / so) my friend likes tennis.
4. Brush your teeth..... (after / before) going to bed.
5. I want to buy a shirt..... (and / but) a pair of trousers.
6. He couldn't take the book……..(as/so)it was too high. (1x5=5 marks)

Test 8

Fill in the blanks with the suitable form of adjective given within brackets.

1. Aarujan is …….. than Arani. (tall)
2. Pineapples are ……than oranges. (sweet)
3. This is the …… book I've ever read. (sad)
4. Winter is the ……. Season. (cold)
5. My bag is …….than yours. (heavy)
6. Sana's dress is ……. than mine. (short)
7. Summer is ……..than autumn. (hot)
8. An elephant is ……..than a mouse. (big)
9. This TV is the ……one at the shop. (big)
10. Akshara can run ……than Aarush. (fast) (10×1=10 Marks)

Test 9.

Fill in the blanks in this dialogue using the utterances given in the box. Write the correct letter in the blank. The first one is done for you.

Meera: Good morning Priya.
Priya : ……b……
Meera : How are you today?
Priya : ……..
Meera : I am good. When did you return from Kandy?
Priya :……
Meera :Who came with you?
Priya : ……...
Meera : How did you go there?
Priya :…….a…….
Meera :Did you enjoy the journey?
Priya :……

a) I went there by train.
b) Good morning Meera
c) Yes. I enjoyed a lot.
d) I returned on the last Sunday.
e) I am fine, how are you?
f) My mother came with me.

(5×2=10 Marks)

Test 10

Complete the blanks using the words given in the brackets

Kiwi is the National ……of New Zealand. There are …….species of Kiwi and all …… them are flightless and nocturnal. They are …… in colour and are the same in size as a……. They have hidden wings and ……..... hair like feathers. Unlike other birds that have nostrils at the base, kiwis have their …… on the tip of their bill. The ……..birds lay comparatively large eggs that can ……..up to about 500 grams. Relative to the size of the bird, this is the…… egg of any living species.
[biggest /five /weigh /nostrils /bird /brown/of /chicken /soft / female] (10×1=10 Marks)

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Test 11

Read the following passage and answer the questions given below. (10 marks)

Endangered Species: Rhinos

Most rhinos live in Africa. There are two African species; the black rhino, which is found in Southern Africa. There are a few rhinos in Asia too, mainly in India. During the past 20 years, numbers of rhinos have dropped rapidly; they are now fewer than 10,000 in the whole world, and the number is still falling. The main threat to rhinos is from poachers who hunt them for their 'horns' which are in fact made of stiff hair. The horns are sold in the Middle East, where they are used to make dagger handles and also in the far East, where they are used for medicinal purposes. Trading rhino horns is illegal, but it is still continuing. Unless measures are done to protect them, they will almost certainly become extinct.

1). What is the passage about?
……..... (1 mark)

2). Where do black rhinos live?
…… (1 mark)

3).From whom does the main threat come to rhinos?..... (1 mark)

4). Why do the poachers hunt rhinos?
…….. …… (1 mark)

5).Complete this sentence. (2 marks)
Rhino's horns are used to (i)…….. and for (ii)……

6). Say whether this statement is true or false. Put 'T 'or 'F' in the box. (1 mark)
Trading rhino horns is legal ( )

7). Write two countries mentioned in the passage. (½ x2= 1 mark)
(i)……. (ii)……..

8) Write adjectives from the passage for the following words. (1x2=2 marks)
1)……..hair (11) ……..purposes.

Test 12

Write an essay on one of the following topics using 100 words. (15 Marks)

1**.** A place you like to visit in Sri Lanka.
2. Describe about a person whom you like the most.
3. My school.

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