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Instructions

- Answer **all** questions **on this paper** itself.
- Marks will be deducted for bad punctuation (omission of full stops ,capital letters ,etc.) and for mistakes in basic **grammar**

PART A –GRAMMAR (40 Marks)

1. Complete the following question so as to get the answer given below each of them. (10 marks)

(a)Why……..?

Retnam went abroad to study computer science

(b)Where……?

They will spend the holidays in Negombo.

(c) How……?

Kalirajah goes to office by car.

(d) How……?

The thief entered the shop through the back door.

(e) When ……?

Kinthuraj returned from London last Sunday.

2. Combine the following pairs of sentences using a suitable conjunction from those given in brackets. (5 marks)

1. (a) Ravi is a Principal.
   (b) He works at Vantharumoolai M.M.V. (who /which/whose)
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2. (a) The Taj Mahal is situated in Agra.
   (b) This is a city near New Delhi, the capital of India. (whose /which/ who)
   ……
3. (a) Kumar is very poor in his studies.
   (b) His father is a doctor. (who/ whose /whom)

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4. (a) John is retiring next year.
   (b) I met John last week. (who /whose/ whom)
   ……
5. (a) I bought a new car last week.
   (b) It was very expensive. (which/ whose /whom)
   ……**.....**

3. Complete the following sentences by putting the words in the brackets in the correct order.(5marks)

1. My mother ……
   (up / early / and / gets / prepares / for / breakfast / us)

2. Kaviyalan ……

   (much / very / eat / likes / to / sweetmeats)

3**.....**

   (story / father / books / brought / my / me / two)

4. ……..

   (destroyed / fire / the / by / building / was / the)

5……..
   (plenty / mind / sports / us / body / of / give / exercise / to / our / and)

4. Read the following notes and fill in the blanks with the correct preposition .*First one is done for you.(5 marks)*

(with / **on** / for / through / to / before)

Saman,
Harry's birthday is ...**on**...7th Monday .Let gives him a surprise visit. Be at my place …….6 o'clock …….your video camera. I'll be waiting …….. you.

- Ramesh

Ramesh,
Sorry, I'll not be able to come. My science class goes on till late .Shall I send the video camera…….. my brother?. Give my wishes ……... Harry.

- Saman

5. Fill in the blanks using the correct word given within brackets.(5 marks)

1)……...…my regards to your parents. (give, convey)

2)…….……my heartiest sympathies. (accept, take)

3)……..……to your letter dated 14.07.2014 (sincerely, reference)

4)……...……your books to school regularly (read, bring)

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5)……..……the permission from the principal (get, write)

6. Fill in the blanks using the words given. (10 marks)

(country, face, small, morning , income, to, rich, methods, family, community)

Fishing is an income earning occupation in many countries which are close to the sea. There is a separate (1)..... specialized in fishing. It's a dangerous hard work. The fishermen go (2)..... the sea late in the evening and return in the (3) ..... with their catching. They get a very good (4) .....as fish is one of the foods enjoyed by the poor and (5) .....

In some parts of the (6) .....the fisherman still uses old (7) ..... of fishing. He goes to the sea in (8) ..... boats with limited nets to catch fish. His (9) .....is big but the income is small. The poor and ignorant fisherman will have to (10).....the dangerous sea animals and the adverse climatic conditions.

PART – B COMPREHENSION (30 MARKS)

1. Complete the following telephone conversation using the given words / phrases in the bracket. The first one is done for you. (5 marks)

Arjuna : Hello, good morning (1) could I speak to Mr.Nalin please?
Nalin : Good Morning (2) ……

Arjuna : I'm Arjuna Ekanayake (3) ……. Could I know something about (4) ……?

Nalin : Yes sure, we have several loan facilities. Our interest rate is 15% per year.

Arjuna : How could I get (5) ……..?

Nalin : I can post you an application. You fill in the application and (6) ……..

Arjuna : Thank you very much.

Nalin : You are welcome.

(from Kandy / bring it to our office / could I speak to / your loan facilities / an application / yes, speaking)

2. Of the options given below each sentence, underline the one that best expresses its meaning. (5 marks)

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01. Nimal left just before dawn.

According to the sentence above

(a) Nimal left early morning.
(b) Nimal left at noon.
(c) Nimal left in the evening.

02. Local products are not as expensive as imported ones.
According to the above sentence

(a) Goods produced in Sri Lanka are cheap.
(b) Imported goods are more expensive than local goods.
(c) The prices of local goods are higher than those of imported ones.

03. The two boys were so alike that you could hardly tell one from the other.
According to the above sentence

(a) One boy was different from the other.
(b) You could not say who the boys were.
(c) It was difficult to distinguish one boy from the other.

04. William's brother John who is in England and the one who is a doctor are twins.
According to the above sentence

(a) William and John are twins.
(b) William has twin brothers.
(c) John is a doctor practicing in England.

05. Ravi is a well – behaved boy unlike his brother Lal.
According to the above sentence

(a) Ravi does not like Lal.
(b) Ravi is as good as his brother.
(c) Lal's behavior is different form his brother.

3. Read the following poem and answer the questions given below. (5 marks)

NIGHT MAIL

This is the night mail crossing the border
Bringing the cheque and the postal order
Letters for the rich, letters for the poor
The shop at the corner, and the girl next door
Pulling up Beatok a sturdy climb
The gradients against her, but she's on time
Past cotton grass and moorland border
Shorting noisily as she passes
Silent miles of wind bent grass.

W.H.Auden.

01. Who is the poet?

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02. What is described in this poem?

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03. To whom the night mail brings letters?

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04. What are the things that the night mail brings?

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05. Write an adverb in the poem?

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

Endangered Animals of Sri Lanka

Did you know, that of the seven species of sea found worldwide, five can be found right here in Sri Lanka? The green turtle is one of them and is the most widespread of the turtle species, as one of the largest; these monsters often grow up to 200 kg that's about the same weight as 3.5 adults!

A female green turtle will journey back to the same beach every 2 – 5 years to lay eggs, often thousands of kilometers. She can lay up to 9 clutches each containing around 100 – 1500 eggs. Using her back flippers to dig a deep hole in the sand, she buries them for protection. After 45 – 70 days, the babies hatch and make a dash for the sea. Many don't make it, getting eaten by birds and crabs on the way, or becoming disorientated by bright lights from nearby beach bars.

Unlike other turtles, all adults are herbivores, feeding mostly on marine grasses and algae. Their young, however, are omnivores meaning they eat both plants and other sea life, including jellyfish and mollusks.

Green turtles are an endangered species. They are relentlessly hunted for their meat and egg and often die when caught in fishing nets. The destruction and pollution of their habitats and nest sites also reduces their numbers.

Underline the correct answer.

1. How many species of sea turtles are found worldwide?

a) Five (b) Seven (c) twelve

2. How does a female green turtle dig a hole on the beach? ……..

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3. Why does she bury the eggs? …….

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4. What do green turtles eat?

Adult turtles: ……..

Young turtles: ……....

5. Due to which reasons the numbers of green turtles are decreased?

a) They are hunted for their meat and eggs.

b) They are caught up in fishing nets.

c) Their habitats and nest sites are destroyed and polluted.

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Underline the correct answer.

(i) (a) and (b) (ii) (a) and (c) (iii) (a), (b) and (c) (iv) (b) and (c)

5. Complete the following selecting the most suitable words from the brackets. (5 marks)

1) There's a ……...……. in my shoe. I only ……...……... them last week.
(whole / hole / bought /boat)

2) I've lost my ……...…… book and credit cards at the …….…….
(check/fare/ fair / cheque)

3) Peter got a very bad ……. I …… he should go to bed.
(thing / cold /think / gold)

4) It's going to ……. I haven't brought my rain ……...
(coat / train / rain / court)

5) He was not …….……...to go to the …….
(Beech / aloud / beach / allowed)

PART C – WRITING (30 MARKS)

1. Write a short paragraph about an interesting place you visit recently. Use about 50 words. (5 marks)

- Location
- Name of the place
- Why you selected the place
- Important things you saw there

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2. The 'Young Traders Club' in your area has organized an 'Eye Clinic' to be held in your school next weekend for both the young and the old. Write a **notice** to be put up in various places in your area. Use about 45 words. (5 marks)
Include the following: **Date, time, venue, for whom**

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3. You were planning to go to the cinema with your friends this afternoon, but your plans have changed. Leave a note to your friends. (5 marks)
Your note should include:

- Apology for the change .
- Explain why you can't go.
- Suggest another day.

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4. Write an article on "The job I like to do". Use about 150 words. Include the following:

- Why you like the job
- How can you help the society
- How are you going to be happy with this job (15 marks)

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