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PART A – GRAMMAR (40 MARKS)

I. Fill in each blank with a suitable preposition from the list given below. Use each preposition only **once.** There is one preposition extra. (05 marks)

Out in of for on under

There are seven soldiers camped under a tree that provides some shades (1)…….. the rocks we are sitting (2)……. They can see for miles in every direction. (3)……our feet is sand and vegetation is an occasional tree and many browning shrubs – it's the dry season and very hot (4)…….. here. I don't know how these men can stand to be (5)……uniform and wear boots but they only laugh when I ask them.

II. Fill in the blank with the **correct form** of the **pronoun** given in brackets. (05 marks)

One day a nurse went to check the patience in the ward. When (1)……(she) entered the ward the patience were watching tv. The nurse examined (2)……..(they) individually. She talked nicely with (3)…….(she) patience.
" Are you watching (4)…….(you) favorite program?" she asked a male patient.
" Yes, I like it very much" he replied. The nurse injected (5)…….(he) and let to sleep.

III. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in brackets. (10 marks)

A priest was walking down a village road and saw a young farmer struggling (1)…… (load) ay back onto a cart after it (2) ……..(fall) off. " You (3)…….(look) tired, my son" said the priest. " Why (4)……you ……..(rest) a moment and I (5)…….(give) you a hand : " " No Thanks," said the young man. " My father (6) ……(like) it". " Don't be silly," the priest said. " Everyone (7)……(entitle) to a break. (8)…….. (come) and have a drink water. Again the young man protested that this father would be upset (9)……(lose) his patience, the priest said, " Your father (10) ……(be) a real slave drive. Tell me " Well," replied the young farmer, " he's under the hay!"

IV. Fill in the blank with the suitable word from the list given in the box. Use each word only **once**. There is one word extra. (05 marks)

when	as soon as	after	unless	until	either

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It was the period before the interval and all the students in grade six were waiting for the bell rang. (1) …….. the bell rang all the children ran to the playground. They played (2)…… the interval over. (3) …….. the bell rang they ran back to the classroom. A few boys remained in the playground even (4) …….. the bell had rung. Their teacher who was very angry said he would not allow them in (5) …… they apologized.

V. Constructs **questions** to get the words in bold prints as answers. Use the questions words given in the box. There is one word extra. (05 marks)

Where	why	who	when	how	how many

1. The next IPL will commence **in 2019**.
   ……....
2. **The man who is in white car** is the president of the Youth Club.
   .....
3. The puppy entered the house **through the window of the kitchen.**
   .....
4. Mr. Roy is working as a Human Resource Manager **in a well-known company**.
   ……
5. Kemil has not slept yet **as he is preparing the project proposal**.
   ……

VI. Complete the following sentences by putting the words in brackets in the correct order. (05 marks)

1. A penguin……
   (about /swim /thirty /can /an /kilometers /hour)

2.Water……
   (in / cheapest / is / the/ world / the / drink)

3. Modern music……..
   (pleasure / us/ gives / a lot / find / but / old / loud / people / too / it)

4. Older ……
   (carefully / walk / than / people / teenagers/ more)

5. This is……
   (the / stranger / dog / a / yesterday / bit / which)

VII. Combine the following pairs of sentences using a suitable conjunction from those given in brackets. (05 marks)

1. You finish the project tonight. You will not be able to apply for the exam this year. (unless, if, and)
   ……

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2. We can start the prize giving. The Minister arrives. (as long as, as soon as, because).
   ……
3. He worked hard. He could not earn a lot of money. (so, unless, but)
   ……
4. They waited at the bus halt. The bus came. (until, but, since)
   ……
5. We can start the function. The chief - guest arrives. (as long as, because, as soon as)
   ……

PART B – COMPREHENSION

1. Of the options given below each sentence in bold print, **underline** the one that best expresses its meaning. (05 marks)

i. I wish I had spoken to him kindly.
   A. I spoke to him kindly.
   B. I did not speak to him kindly.
   C. I will speak to him kindly.
   D. I am planning to speak him kindly.

ii. Someone took the pen that Roy had borrowed from Anie.
   A. Someone had borrowed a pen from Anie.
   B. Anie had borrowed a pen from Roy.
   C. Roy had borrowed a pen from Anie.
   D. Someone had borrowed a pen from Roy.

iii. Not a single student attended the seminar.
   A. Only one student attended the seminar.
   B. All the students except one student attended the seminar.
   C. All the students did not attend the seminar.
   D. All the students attended the seminar.

iv. **Jane isn't as old as she looks**.
   A. Jane isn't very young.
   B. Jane is old but she doesn't look old.
   C. Jane looks very young.
   D. Jane looks older than as she is.

v. **It was Rohith who rescued the child from fire while others looked on**.
   A. The child injured by fire.
   B. Rohith saved the child.
   C. Rohith and others saved the child.
   D. The others saved the child.

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(1) Which of the following is not true?
   a. Females can apply for only four courses.
   b. Two courses can be applied by both genders.
   c. Applicant should sit for an exam.
   d. Courses are not conducted in weekdays.

(2) Underline the most appropriate one.
   a. Courses are available in all parts of the country.
   b. Applications should be sent to the centers.
   c. Applicants have to pay for the learning materials.
   d. They provide an offer in the payment.

(3) Write **True** or **False** beside each sentence in the space provided.
   a. Applications can be sent after Christmas. (……)
   b. They provide one course only for male. (……)
   c. They have only part time courses. (……)

3. Read the following poem and do the activities that follow. (05 marks)

I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud

By William Wordsworth

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing **their** heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company:
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or **in pensive mood,**
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.

(1) Write True or False in the space provided.
   (a) The narrator of the poem is enjoying the beauty of night sky. (…….)
   (b) The narrator says that beauty of Daffodils gives happiness and relaxes his mind. (……..)
(2) To which of the following does the pronoun "**their**" in 2nd stanza refer?
   (i) Stars
   (ii) All the flowers in the garden
   (iii) Daffodils
   (iv) Tress
(3) To which of the options does the following phrase in bold refer? "**in pensive mood"**
   (i) Poet is in excited state by the beauty of nature.
   (ii) Poet does not feel anything by nature.
   (iii) Poet feels sad about nature.
   (iv) Poet is in excited state by the beauty of night sky.
(4) Write one word from the poem which means the same as the following.
   (a) At a glance –

4. Read the following passage and do the activities that follow. (05 marks)

The world's population is not only growing, it is also becoming more urbanized. An increasing number of people are moving to cities in the hope of having a better life. The cities promise steady work and higher salaries. With more money, people think they can provide for their families more easily.

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As the population becomes more urbanized, mega cities are created. Yes, there are more jobs in urban areas, but is the quality of life better in these mega cities? A quick survey of several major cities reveals some of their problems: pollution from auto emissions is poisoning the air, landfills are overflowing garbage. With declining resources and growing competition, sometimes there is not enough food. These are all very serious problems.

We cannot get rid of mega cities - they are here to stay. What we should concentrate on, however, is building 'villages' inside the cities. These 'urban villages' could be self-sufficient and grow their own food. The members of these villages would recycle their waste and do very little damage to the environment. The villages would serve the needs of the local people, not big business. We need to limit large-scale development, not encourage it.

1. Write **True** or **False** beside each sentences in the space provided.
   (a) Most of the people believe that they can get a better life in villages. (……...)
   (b) The quality of life is worse in cities. (……...)
2. Which of the following best explains the **meaning** of the **underlined sentences** in the second paragraph? Underline the answer.
   (i) People in Mega cities have better life.
   (ii) People in Mega cities are wealthy.
   (iii) People in Mega cities face many environmental problems.
   (iv) People in Mega city live in clean environment.
3. Write one word from the passage which means the same as the following.
   (a) Citified –
   (b) Deteriorating –

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PART C – SUMMARISING

1. Write a summary of each of the following two texts. Do not use more than **fifty (50) words** for each summary. If you exceed the word limit marks will be deducted. Write only one word in each cage. (05+ 05 = 10 marks)

Child abuse includes any threatening or violent interaction of physical, psychological or sexual nature that may cause physical or psychological harm to the child. This includes neglect and withholding essential aid, medical care and education. Sexual and physical abuse are forms of physical violence; in addition, forms of mental abuse also exist. Forced marriage at a very young age and ritual circumcision of girls are also forms of child abuse. Children have the right to protection from all forms of maltreatment, abuse, neglect and violence.

The World Health Organisation reports that an estimated 20 percent of all women are victims of sexual abuse. The effects of physical, emotional and sexual abuse and violence are far-reaching; not only their health but also the economic prospects of victims are affected. In conflict areas - where many refugees are given shelter - girls are particularly vulnerable to sexual abuse and assault.

Sadly enough, child abuse is common in many countries. In 2013, Terre des Hommes supported 32 projects to counter abuse in countries such as Ethiopia, Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya, Bangladesh, India, Bolivia, Indonesia and Cambodia.

2. Reading has at all times and in all ages been a great source of knowledge. Today the ability to read is highly valued and very important for social and economic advancement. In today's world with so much more to know and to learn and also the need for a conscious effort to conquer the divisive forces, the importance of reading has increased. In the olden days if reading was not cultivated or encouraged, there was a substitute for it in the religious sermon and in the oral tradition. In the nineteenth century, Victorian households used to get together for an hour or so in the evenings and listen to books being read aloud, But ,today we not only read, we also want to read more and more and catch up with the events taking place around us.

Reading skills are essential to succeed in society. Those who are good readers tend to exhibit progressive social skills. A person who is widely read is able to mix with others. He is a better conversationalist then those who do not read. He can stand his ground. Reading broadens the vision. It is in a way a substitute for travel. It is not possible to travel as much one would like to and reading can fill in the gap created by the lack of travel. Having confidence in reading only comes from the daily practice of reading. A good reader can interact with others in a far better way because reading has widened his vision and point of view. Thus a widely-read man is a better conversationalist and is able to see the other side point of view.

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PART D – WRITING

1. Imagine that you have won the National Award for new invention. You thought of writing a letter to a friend , express how you felt and saying who and what helped to get this success. **Write** this letter. Use about **125 – 150** words. Do **not** exceed this word limit. (15 marks)

2. You read the following advertisement in a local newspaper and bought some CDs to help you improve your English:

Fun with English CD Series
An Easy Way to Learn English
English conversation in a week. Results Guaranteed.
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English conversation for business and pleasure / Everyday language
Listen and repeat
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Manager, Daya & Sons, English CD Producers, Haveloack Road, Colombo.

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You were not happy with the CDs. Write a letter to the manager saying

(a) Why you bought the CDs.
(b) Why you are dissatisfied.
(c) What you would like the manager to do.

Use about **125 – 150** words. Do **not** exceed this word limit.

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