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- **Answer all questions.**

Paper – I

(1) Complete the words underling the correct group of letters given in brackets.

(i) organ ----- ing (is , iz , ic)

(ii) experi ------ ce (en , an , on)

(iii) n ---- ghbours (ai , ei , ae)

(iv) orni ----- ologist (te , ph , th)

(v) unpl ----- sant (ea , ae , as) (1 x 5 = 5 marks)

(2) Find the antonyms to the underlined words from the box and write on the line.

One is done for you.

long	down	never	late	~~dry~~	cheap
empty	small	poor	young	right	

(i) It was very **wet** outside. Dry

(ii) He **always** does his homework. ----------

(iii) The **old** man went for a walk. ----------

(iv) My glass of water was **full**. ----------

(v) I walked **up** the stairs. ----------

(vi) She came **early** to the party. ----------

(vii) The king was very **rich**. ----------

(viii) Ramith writes with his **left** hand. ----------

(ix) The **big** cat ate some food. ----------

(x) The girl has **short** black hair . ----------

(xi) This bag is very **expensive**. ---------- (½ x 10 = 5 marks)

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(3) Complete the following dialogue using the sentences given in the box . Write the number of the sentence in the blank space.

The first one is done for you.

A. Hello.

B. ……5……..

A. You're not from India , are you ?

B. …….

A. So , you're a tourist here ?

B. ……..

A. Are you a student at Madras University ?

B. ……..

A. How will you travel to Delhi ?

B. ……...

A. ……

B. Yes , I do.

1. I've already booked the train.
2. No , I'm at Delhi University.
3. Not really , I'm studying here.
4. DO you speak Hindi ?
5. Hello
6. No , I'm from Sri Lanka.

(1 x 5 = 5 marks)

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(4) Fill in the blanks using reflexive pronouns.

First one is done for you.

(i) The students did the entire project themselves.

(ii) We like to make ice – cream at home ……

(iii) Driving can be difficult , so you shouldn't try it …….

(iv) The film …… wasn't very good , but I liked the music.

(v) He decided to repair his bike ……..

(vi) Thenuja and I introduced …….. to our new neighbours.

(1 x 5 = 5 marks)

(5) Read the story. Use the prepositions given in the box and fill in the blanks.

One day our next door dog chased our cat. Our cat jumped (1) …through….. the front window. It climbed (2) …… the wall and walked (3) …… it. The dog also came there and started barking (4) …….. the cat. So the cat stepped (5) …….. a branch of a tree , and hit (6) …….. its leaves.

along	at	~~through~~	onto	among	up

(1 x 5 = 5 marks)

(6) Fill in the blanks with the contracted forms.

First one is done for you.

(i) …… He' s …… going outside. (He is)

(ii) ……. finished eating. (They have)

(iii) He …… sing well. (can not)

(iv) ……. go swimming (Let us)

(v) You …….. do that. (should not)

(vi) They …… coming today. (are not)

(vii) …… leaving soon. (They are)

(viii) …… a sunny day. (It is)

(ix) I ……. stay late. (will not)

(x) …… have fun at the show. (We will)

(xi) ……. like to have a cup of tea. (I would)

(½ x 10 = 5 marks)

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(7) Complete the sentences using the followings .

(must / mustn't / should / shouldn't / have to)

(i) You …….. wear sun glassed in a sunny day.

(ii) I ……. see a dentist as I have a bad tooth.

(iii) Students …….. read the notices of exam rules.

(iv) You have sore throat . You …… drink cold water.

(v) You …… drive more than 80 km / h

(1 x 5 = 5 marks)

(8) Study the picture and fill in the blanks using the words given in the box.



Windy	Sandwich	girls	park	bird
House	climbing	leaves	scarfs	bench

This is a picture of a (1) …… . There are more boys than (2) …….. . Many children are wearing (3) …….. . The (4) …… are falling down because it is (5) ……. . A girl is (6) ……. up the ladder. Two boys are sitting on a (7) …….. . They are having a chat. One boy is eating a (8) …… while the other boy is eating a mango . There is a tree (9) ……. and a boy is sitting there . A beautiful (10) …….. can be seen on a tree.

(½ x 10 = 5 marks)

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Paper – II

(9) Read the poem and answer the question.

Angry

Sometimes when the day is bad
And someone's made me very sad
Or I've been given angry stares
I go behind the front porch stairs.

There curled up with chin on knee
I like to be alone with me
And listen to people talk
And hurry by me on the walk.

There I sit without a sound
And draw stick pictures on the ground
If I should tire of it all ,
I throw some pebbles at the wall.

After I've been there awhile
And find that I can almost smile ,
I brush me off and count to ten
And try to start the day again.

(i) Where does the speaker go when he is angry ?

…… (1 mark)

(ii) What does he do when he is angry and alone ?

(i) …… (ii) ……. (2 mark)

(iii) When does his anger disappear ?

……. (2 mark)

(iv) What's the purpose of counting to ten ?

……. (2 mark)

(v) Underline the most suitable answer.

What does " I brush me off " means ?

(a) Refuse to talk with oneself.
(b) Refuse to eat anything
(c) Brush teeth when gets angry. (1 mark)

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(vi) Write two rhyming couplets from the poem.

(a) …… - ……..

(b) …… - …….. (2 marks)

(10 marks)

(10) Read the following paragraph and fill in the blanks with the given words.

First one is done for you.

The ostrich is the (1) …largest……. of all birds . Some of them are nearly eight feet (2) …… . The ostrich is so (3) …… that they can even (4) …… a man . It has a long (5) …….. and a tiny head . It carries it's head and neck erect. The wings of the ostrich is so small that it cannot (6) ……. as the other birds . But it can run (7) ……. . The ostrich defends itself from (8) …….. kicking . A kick by its leg could even harm a horse or a man. The (9) …….. of the ostrich is grass and leaves. The native country of the ostrich is (10) …….. . The feathers of the ostrich are very expensive. Therefore some people hunt them to get their. (11) ……..

Fly	Africa	carry	enemies	high	largest
neck	feathers	food	fast	strong	

(1 x 10 = 10 marks)

(11) Read the following passage and answer the questions.

Estimation is useful for making quick judgments but is not very reliable. However , there are situations where accurate measurements should be made for example , if a carpenter has to fix a door he has to make very accurate measurements . If the door gets even 1 mm bigger , it would not fit in.

However , a vegetable vendor or a fruit seller may not need to take very accurate measurements since a few grams less or more will make no difference to him / her or the customer. For a tailor , taking measurements for stitching clothes is not required much accuracy as the clothes will fit well.

A chemist , while dispensing drugs , has to weigh them very accurately to avoid serious problems causing for the patient .

(i) Write situations when people have to take measurements .

a carpenter	fixing a door
a vegetable	
a chemist	

(1)
(1)

(2 mark)

(ii) What are the units of measurements given in the passage.

(1) ……. (2) …….. **(2 marks)**

(iii) Who need to take very accurate measurements ?

(1) ……. (2) …….. **(2 marks)**

(iv) State Why he / she must take correct amount of medicine .

…….. **(1 mark)**

(v) In this text does the writer mean that some people can take incorrect measurements ?

…….. **(1 mark)**

(vi) Find words from the text which mean the same for the following words.

(1) exact ……. (2) to mix medicine …….. **(1 marks)**

(vii) Write a subject / subjects you learn measurements at school

…… **(1 mark)**

(12) Write an essay on one of the followings.

(Use about 100 – 125 words)

(a) Let's be courteous.
(b) My future ambition
(c) Any school event you participated recently. **(10 marks)**

(13) Listening

Listen to the paragraph and mark true (√) or false (x) .

(a) Tea , rubber and coconut are the major products of our country. ( )
(b) Tea is grown only in the hill country . ( )
(c) Tea and rubber were introduced to our country by Europeans. ( )
(d) Malaysian rubber is considered to be the best in the world. ( )
(e) Coconut is grown mainly in the Western Province. ( )

Write the answers .

(f) Our coconut oil is exported to …… , …….. and …….. **(8 marks)**

(14) Speaking (12 marks)

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Listening Text

The major export products of Sri Lanka.

The major export products of Sri Lanka are Tea , Rubber and Coconut . Tea is a tasty drink . It is grown in the hill country and some parts of the low country as well . It was introduced to our country by the Europeans.

Rubber is also in the hill country . This was also introduced by Europeans . Although rubber is grown in countries like Malayasia our rubber is considered to be the best in the world.

Coconut is grown along the coastal areas and mainly in the North Western Province. Our coconut oil is exported to England , America and Australia.

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