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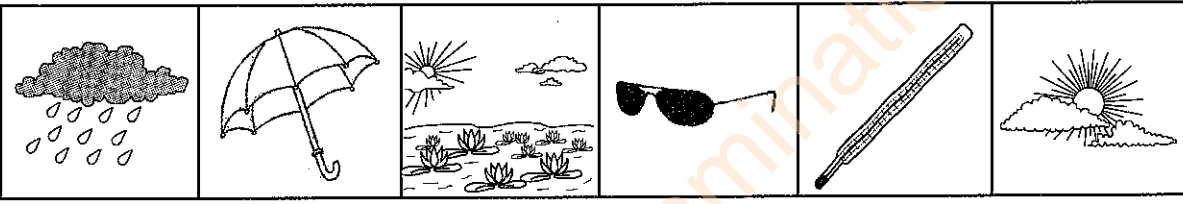
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○ Test 1

Match the following pictures with the descriptions given below. Write the letter of the most suitable picture in the box given against each description. *The first one is done for you.*



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|---|--------------------------------|---|----------------------|
| (1) A lake full of flowers | <input type="text" value="c"/> | (2) An instrument for measuring temperature | <input type="text"/> |
| (3) The star that warms the earth | <input type="text"/> | (4) Drops of fresh water that fall from the sky | <input type="text"/> |
| (5) Dark eyewear that protects you from the sun | <input type="text"/> | (6) Something that is held over one's head for protection | <input type="text"/> |

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Q. 1

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Total
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○ Test 2

Fill in the blanks in the following dialogue. Use the words given in the box. Write the letter of the correct word in the space given. *The first one is done for you.*

Arun : I want to do something interesting this weekend.
 Chamila : Lovely! We can do something together.
 Arun : Yes, that (1)d..... good. What are you planning to do?
 Chamila : Well, I have arranged to go on a (2) to Kandy with some friends. Do you want to come with us?
 Arun : Great! (3) are you leaving?
 Chamila : Well, we have decided to start early in the morning on Sunday, and we are hoping to (4) Kandy by lunch time.
 Arun : Oh, in (5) case I have to come very early.
 Chamila : Yes, you must meet me (6) at six thirty in the morning.
 Arun : OK, good. I won't be late.

- (a) reach
- (b) trip
- (c) here
- (d) sounds
- (e) when
- (f) that

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○ Test 3

Study the picture and fill in the blanks in the paragraph using the words given in the box. Write the letter of the correct word in the blank. *The first one is done for you.*



- (a) with
- (b) seven
- (c) ~~enjoy~~
- (d) drawing
- (e) seated
- (f) distance
- (g) plucking
- (h) guitar
- (i) holding
- (j) branch
- (k) book

This is a beautiful scene of a children's park. Children (1)^c..... doing different things here. There are (2) of them. Some are boys and some are girls. One child is sitting on a (3) of a large tree (4) fruit. Another child can be seen (5) under the tree reading a (6) The child standing in front of a white board is (7) a picture. At a (8), a boy is playing a (9) A girl with curly hair is (10) a kite. Another child is seen playing (11) a ball. The children are enjoying themselves.

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○ Test 4

Fill in the blanks in the following text with the words given in the box. *The first one is done for you.*

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A young man was driving to work. Suddenly he was surrounded (1)^{by}..... flashing lights and four police cars. One officer told him to get out of the car. The young man followed his orders not knowing why that was happening. He ended (2) in handcuffs in the back of the police car. A witness claimed she had seen him (3) a murder scene.

But what if this man isn't guilty (4) murder? What if he is completely innocent? Perhaps he was in the wrong place at the wrong time, and he has a similar body build or hair colour (5) that of the actual murderer. Now imagine your brother, your best friend or even yourself in this man's position.

How difficult it would be (6) you and your family to experience this! However, the police have no option other than arresting a suspect.

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 ஆங்கில மொழி II
 ENGLISH LANGUAGE II

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○ Test 9

Read the text and **underline** the most suitable word given within each bracket.

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New technology often creates serious problems. Vehicles, for example, provide
 (1) ((a) a little, (b) numerous, (c) much) benefits, but they also
 (2) ((a) pollute, (b) destroy, (c) ruin) the air and pose severe health risks to people
 and damage (3) ((a) energy, (b) waste, (c) property). It is difficult to imagine
 life (4) ((a) with, (b) without, (c) within) electricity and heat. Jet planes, while
 helping us in many ways, cause air pollution (5) ((a) refreshing, (b) releasing,
 (c) exchanging) hydrocarbons. The challenge, however, is to minimize the harmful effects of
 new technology on the environment.

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○ Test 10

Read Ganesh Ramalingam's letter to Sarala and fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb given within brackets.

Dear Sarala,

Hope you are doing well. I would like to know how you are getting on. I am thinking about you and your well-being, especially during these difficult times. Write to me or call me whenever you need any help.

Also, it (1) (be) a pleasure for me to hear how you are (2) (progress) in your studies. Are there any subjects or topics that you find particularly challenging? (3) (remember) it's perfectly normal to encounter difficulties along the way, and I'm here to help you overcome any problems you are likely to (4) (face).

I would also like to discuss what you plan for your future. Have you thought about what you'd like to pursue after (5) (complete) the G.C.E. O/L examination?

In case you need any advice, feel free to contact me.

Wishing you all the best,
Ganesh Ramalingam.

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○ Test 11

Fill in the blanks with the words given in the box. There is **one** extra word.

puddles	know	form	ever	comes	that	to	it
disappear	rainwater	somewhere	the	sometimes	cannot	what	

Rain is a very unpredictable natural process. Sometimes it rains. It rains and drains. The rain (1) down in heavy sheets. (2) it rains so hard (3) it makes it difficult (4) see. We all know (5) it is like when (6) rains. But have you (7) wondered where all the (8) goes? Does it just (9) ? We all know that it (10) just disappear. As we (11), it has to go (12) Raindrops fall to (13) ground, join together to (14) rain puddles. The rain puddles get bigger and bigger. Finally, they overflow. Like the rain drops, the rain puddles join. They form a stream. The stream carries the water down the hill. After a while the stream joins a river.

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○ Test 12

Read the text given below and **underline** the correct form given within each bracket.

As Rajini walked into the classroom, she noticed her friend Jaleel sitting alone, looking upset. "Hi, Jaleel, what's wrong?" Rajini asked.

Jaleel sighed and replied, "Well, yesterday my brother told me that (1) ((a) he lost his job (b) he had lost his job (c) he will lose his job)."

“Oh no, I’m sorry to hear that,” Rajini said sympathetically and asked, (2)
 ((a) “How would he react?” (b) how he reacted. (c) how he could react.)

“He seemed really upset,” Jaleel reported. My brother also told me that he (3)
 ((a) had worked (b) worked (c) having to work) there for five years and didn’t know what to do next.

“That must have been tough for him,” Rajini remarked. “Did he say anything else?”

“Yeah, he mentioned that (4) ((a) he is going to (b) he was going to (c) he were to) start looking for a new job right away,” Jaleel continued. “But he also said he’s worried about finding something as good as (5) ((a) what he was (b) what he had been (c) what he had). Rajini nodded understandingly. “It’s understandable that he’s feeling anxious about the future. Did he talk to anyone else about it?”

“No, not yet.” replied Jaleel. He also thanked Rajini for her concern.

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○ Test 13

Read the following extracts taken from books and magazines. Select the most suitable caption for each extract and write the letter of the caption in the box given against the text. There is **one** extra caption.

Captions

A Garbage disposal	B Time you should meet a doctor	C Feel free to talk
D Be a wise parent	E Use it well, it is not an enemy	F Tips to minimize environmental pollution

Extracts

Extracts		
1	When settlements were very small, leftovers were simply thrown outdoors, where they finally decayed. But as communities grew, pigs and other animals helped clear away the stuff eating them. The animals, in turn, recycled the waste and thus created an even less appealing waste problem.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Many people are strangely passive when they visit a doctor. First of all, they often fail to provide the doctor with complete information about their medical problem. Secondly, many people fail to ask their doctor for a full and clear explanation of their condition.	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Swollen glands in the body can be uncomfortable, but they are a welcome sign that your body is working to defend itself. They are often associated with an illness such as mumps, German measles, a cold, or flu, but an insect bite or an infected cut can also result in swelling. Still if swollen glands last more than a few days, it can be a sign of a serious illness, such as Hodgkin’s disease.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Here are some tips to discourage TV watching and encourage reading. For one thing, have only one television set, and place it in the family room. Then if your child wants privacy, he or she will have to go elsewhere away from the TV. Secondly, connect eating with reading. Put a bookcase rather than a TV in the kitchen.	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Children in Finland are the highest-scoring young readers in the world, but they spend more time watching TV than reading. Finnish national research has pointed out a key relationship between reading and Finnish TV. Many programmes have captions and watching these programmes seems to motivate and enhance reading among young readers.	<input type="checkbox"/>

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○ Test 15

Read the following text and answer the questions given below.

Choosing one's fate

① Many years ago, there lived a man who was capable of loving and forgiving everyone he came across. Because of this, God sent an angel to talk to him.

'God asked me to come and visit you and tell you that he wishes to reward you for your goodness,' said the angel. 'You may have any gift you wish for. Would you like the gift

⑤ of healing sick people?

'Certainly not,' said the man. 'I would prefer God to choose those who should be healed.'

'And what about leading wrong-doers back to the path of goodness?' asked the angel.

'That's a job for angels like you. I don't want to be worshipped by anyone or to serve as an example for perfect living,' replied the man.

⑩ 'Look, I can't go back to Heaven without having given you a gift. If you don't choose, I'll have to choose **one** for you.' said the angel.

'The man thought for a moment and then said: 'All right, I would like good to be done through me, but no one should notice it. Even I do not want to know it. Otherwise I might **commit** the offence of becoming a proud person.'

⑮ So the angel arranged for the man's shadow to have the power of healing, but only when the sun was shining on the man's face. In this way, wherever he went, the sick were healed, the earth grew fertile again, and sad people rediscovered happiness.

The man travelled the Earth for many years, **oblivious** of the healing he was doing because when he was facing the sun, his shadow was always behind him. In this way, he was able

⑳ to live and die unaware of his own power of healing.

(1) State whether the following statements are **True** or **False**. Put a tick (✓) in the relevant cage.

	True	False
(1) God sent an angel to earth to give the man the ability of loving and forgiving.		
(2) The man believed that it is God's responsibility to select those deserve healing.		
(3) The power of healing was active when the shadow was behind the man.		
(4) The man was unaware of the healings he was doing as God did not allow him to see them.		

(½ × 4 = 02 marks)

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(2) What do the following words in the text refer to? Write your answers in the space given.

'one' in line 11 (01 marks)

(3) **Underline** the phrase that is closest in meaning to the following.

(a) 'commit' in line 14
 (i) to give up completely (ii) to do something wrong
 (iii) to hand over (iv) to change for the better (01 mark)

(b) 'oblivious' in line 18
 (i) not aware of something (ii) having no education
 (iii) showing neglect (iv) not to accept as accurate (01 mark)

Underline the correct answer for questions 4, 5 and 6 from the options given for each of them.

(4) One good quality of the man that attracted the attention of God was
 (a) his ability to heal those who were suffering from sickness.
 (b) his ability to lead bad people to the path of goodness.
 (c) his readiness to love and forgive everyone around him.
 (d) his refusal to accept the power of healing. (01 mark)

(5) The man
 (a) willingly accepted the gift from the angel.
 (b) happily accepted the gift from the angel.
 (c) enthusiastically accepted the gift from the angel.
 (d) hesitantly accepted the gift from the angel. (01 mark)

(6) **Underline** the sentence that tells why the man did not want to know about his own good deeds.
 (a) The man thought that it was God's duty to heal the sick people on earth.
 (b) The man believes that making bad people good is the responsibility of angels.
 (c) The man was of the view that his miracles would make him a better person.
 (d) The man did not want to be worshipped by people or become a proud person. (01 mark)

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Total	8

○ **Test 16**

Write on **one** of the following topics. Use about **200** words.

(a) Write an article to a local newspaper giving your opinion on **The Role of Advertising in Media.**

Include the following:

- What advertising is
- Why it is necessary
- How it influences the public
- Its adverse effects on the society

(b) Write an essay on **The Importance of Regular Exercise for Our Health.**

Include the following:

- The types of regular exercise
- The advantages of regular exercise
- Steps that could be taken to make it popular among people

