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(05) ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Paper I

One hour

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- Answer all questions on this paper itself.

○ Test 1

Read the dialogue and select the correct answer for the blank from the box. Write the letter of the answer in the blank. *The first one is done for you. (01 × 5 = 05 marks)*

Man : Excuse me!

You : Yes, Can I help you?

Man : Yes. I want to (1)C..... a letter. Where is the
(2)

You : Go straight and you will (3) the traffic
lights.

Man : Then?

You : Then (4) right and walk about 50 metres.
You will see it on your (5)

Man : Ok, (6)

You : You're welcome!

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| (a) left |
| (b) find |
| (c) post |
| (d) post office |
| (e) thank you |
| (f) turn |

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T. 1

1 ×

Total

5

○ Test 2

Underline the most suitable article to fill in the blanks in the following note. *The first one is done for you. (01 × 5 = 05 marks)*

Ven. Soratha,

Hope you are doing well! Just (1) (a, an, the) quick note to remind you about our assignment. Do you have (2) (a, an, the) English Dictionary with you? I will bring (3) (a, an, the) word list that we prepared in the class. We need (4) (a, an, the) quiet place too.

How about (5) (a, an, the) school library? Let's meet tomorrow around 8.30 a.m.. Hope (6) (a, an, the) time is ok for you.

Ven. Veneetha

T. 2

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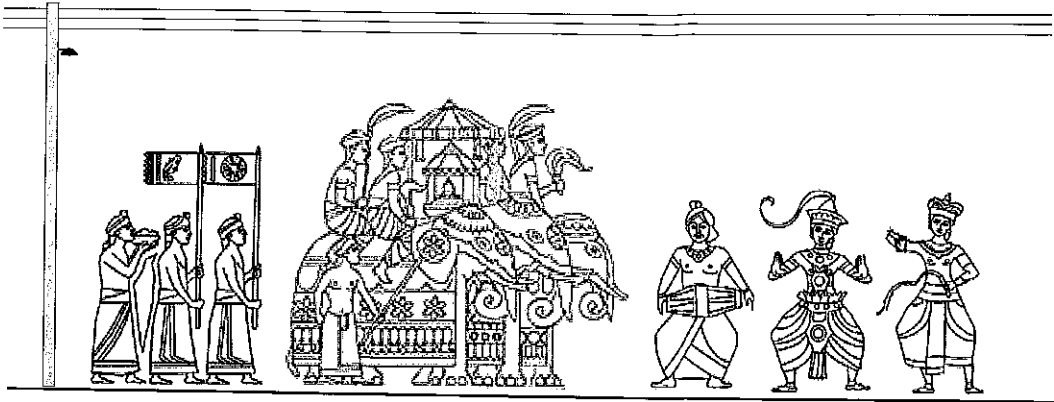
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○ Test 3

Study the picture given below. 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.* (½ × 10 = 05 marks)

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This is a scene of the Kandy Esala Perahera. It is a world (1)^e cultural pageant held in Sri Lanka every year. The whip-cracker is (2) the perahera. There is a Kandyan (3) dressed in the traditional (4) There are (5) tuskers walking behind the (6) The 'Nilames' or the officials related to the (7) of the Tooth are also seen (8) the elephants. The majestic tusker in the (9) is carrying the Sacred Tooth Relic of the (10) There are three men behind the tuskers and two of them are (11) bearers. The last one in the scene is carrying a basket of flowers.

- (a) three
- (b) Temple
- (c) Buddha
- (d) leading
- (e) famous
- (f) dancer
- (g) drummer
- (h) costume
- (i) riding
- (j) middle
- (k) flag

T. 3

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Total

5

○ Test 4

Match the following situations with the responses. Write the correct letter of the response against each situation. *The first one is done for you.* (01 × 5 = 05 marks)

Situations

- (1) Your uncle gave you a bicycle on your birthday.
- (2) Your best friend was absent for one week.
- (3) You broke your friend's pen by mistake.
- (4) You dropped your brother at the station.
- (5) Your cousin is leaving for a study tour in India.
- (6) You want to know the price of a book.

c

Responses

- (a) "What happened? I missed you"
- (b) "Good Bye and Take Care!"
- (c) "Thank you very much, a nice gift"
- (d) "I'm sorry, I'll buy you a new one"
- (e) "How much is this?"
- (f) "Enjoy the flight!"

T. 4

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○ Test 7

Read the following Jathaka story and underline the most suitable answer.

(01 × 5 = 05 marks)

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① Once, there was a trader who was known for his wisdom. He had a large group of workers, and he treated them fairly, ensuring they were well-fed and comfortable.

③ One day a thief who pretended to be a poor traveller **approached** the trader. The thief asked for a job, and the trader agreed to give him work.

The thief soon learned that the trader's wealth was built on hard work, honesty and

⑥ good reputation. He decided to trick the trader and steal his fortune. However, the trader being clever, had already noticed the suspicious behaviour of the thief and he devised a plan. He gave the thief a task; to guard a large chest filled with valuable items.

The thief thinking he would get rich, took the chest and left. Soon after he found that

⑩ the chest was full of stones. He was shocked. Realizing that he had been tricked, the thief returned to the trader and begged for forgiveness.

The trader showed him compassion and offered him a chance to start anew, teaching him the value of honesty and hard work.

(Adapted from a tale from Jathaka stories)

(i) What did the trader do when the thief asked for a job?
(a) He ignored him (b) He gave him a job (c) He asked the thief to leave

(ii) The chest given to the thief to guard was
(a) full of valuables. (b) full of stones. (c) full of gold coins.

(iii) What did the thief do once he found that he had been tricked?
(a) He ran away.
(b) He destroyed the chest.
(c) He begged for pardon.

(iv) What lesson did the trader teach him?
(a) The value of honesty
(b) The value of wealth
(c) The value of being rich

(v) The word 'approached' in line 3 means
(a) went near. (b) talked to. (c) took aside.

T. 7

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○ Test 8

Write a paragraph on **one** of the following topics. Use about **50 - 60** words.

(i) My favourite teacher (ii) How I spent the last Poya day (05 marks)

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○ Test 09

Read the passage and fill in the blanks with the most suitable word given in the box which is closest in meaning to the word/ phrase given within brackets. *The first one is done for you.* (1 × 5 = 05 marks)

confuse, consume, disease, entirely, ~~essential~~, surviving

You might have heard the term 'Health is Wealth', but its (1) ^{essential} (basic) meaning is still not clear to most people. Generally, people (2) (mistake) good health with being free of any kind of illness. While it may be part of the case, it is not (3) (completely) what good health is all about. In other words, to lead a healthy life, a person must be fit and fine both physically and mentally. For instance, if you constantly (4) (eat) junk food yet you do not have any (5) (illness), it does not mean you are healthy. You may be just (6) (remaining alive). Therefore, to actually live and not merely survive, you need to have the essentials that make up for a healthy lifestyle.

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T. 9

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○ Test 10

Write the correct form of the verb given within brackets. ($\frac{1}{2} \times 10 = 05$ marks)

My friend and I made a long walk in a village off Sithawaka last Saturday. We (1) (start) from Colombo by an early bus. Both of us (2) (carry) two back-packs containing our lunch, water bottles and some snacks. My friend (3) (bring) his first aid box for any emergency. Soon, we (4) (reach) the little village where our walk was to begin. It (5) (be) a bright sunny day. So, we (6) (be) lucky and started our much awaited adventure.

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We (7) (want) to go to the river and walked along the river bank.
We started walking through paddy fields and coconut lands (8) (bite)
snacks and taking photographs. We (9) (see) a lot of fish and some
beautiful birds too.

We (10) (have) our lunch under the shade of a big tree beside the
river and returned in the afternoon with many happy memories.

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○ Test 11

Read the poem and answer the questions given.

(01 × 5 = 05 marks)

A Helping Hand

Make a difference
Each day you live
Open your heart
Learn to give

Life for many
Is so unkind
Giving people
Are hard to find

So open your heart
Give what you can
We're all responsible
For our fellow man

It's so easy to look
The other way
But the tables could turn
On any given day

So help if you can
For one day you may be
The one who's down and out
The one no one will see

- Ray Hansell -

(i) According to the poet, you can make a difference by learning to

- (a) live (b) give (c) open

(ii) Who are hard to find?

(iii) A rhyming word for 'way' is.....

(iv) What is so easy?.....

(v) Find opposite words for the following from the poem.

(a) close

(b) difficult

T. 11

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○ Test 12

Fill in the blanks using the most suitable word from the words given in the box.

$(\frac{1}{2} \times 14 = 07 \text{ marks})$

life	age	good	integrated
personal	sports	includes	in
a	passion	at	spreads
aspects	behaving		

Discipline refers to a collection of rules, limitations and behavioural patterns that must be followed. When these factors are (1)..... and used, they help (2)..... maintaining the social and (3)..... order of events in (4)..... . Discipline can be developed (5)..... home starting at young (6)..... . As a result, it (7)..... and develops, affecting various (8)..... of life. Personal discipline (9)..... things like sticking to (10)..... regular sleep schedule, eating (11)..... food, exercising, pursuing a (12)..... or interest, participating in (13) on a regular basis. (14)..... in an expected manner in social situations is referred to as social discipline. Professional discipline on the other hand, mostly entails time management, meeting deadlines and keeping healthy relationships etc.

T. 12

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7

○ Test 13

Underline the most suitable word for the blank from those given within brackets.

$(01 \times 5 = 05 \text{ marks})$

- (i) As it (rains, is raining, was raining) now, we cannot go out to play.
- (ii) He has been appointed to the post of Chairman. He (start, has started, will start) his duties from next Monday.
- (iii) At the Annual Prize Giving, the chief guest went on (speak, speaking, spoken) for a long time.
- (iv) If the cricket team (take, has taken, had taken) the advice of the coach seriously, they would have won the match easily.
- (v) The clerk said that he (meets, meeting, would meet) the director on Monday to get permission for the annual trip.

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○ Test 15

Read the text and answer the questions.

- ① Once, a father and his son were walking along the road. They were smiling happily enjoying their walk. After some time, the son spotted an apple vendor selling apples by the road. He wanted to eat an apple and asked his father to buy him one. Father didn't have much money with him, but what he had was enough to purchase two
- ⑤ apples. So he bought two apples and gave both to his son. His son held one apple each in his two hands. Seeing this, the father asked him if he could share one apple with him. Upon hearing this, the son quickly took a bite from one apple. And before the father could speak, he also took a bite from the second apple. He did not share any with the father.
- ⑩ The father was surprised by the son's action. He wondered what mistake he had made raising his son that he acted in such a greedy manner. His mind was lost in thoughts.
- ⑫ Then he thought perhaps he was just thinking too much, as his son was still too young to understand about sharing and giving. Anyway, his smile disappeared from his face and he felt sad.
- ⑮ Then suddenly the son offered one apple to the father and said; "Father, have this one. This one is juicier and sweeter." Father was speechless. He felt bad about reaching to the judgement so quickly about a small child. His smile came back now knowing why his son quickly took a bite from each apple.

Moral : Don't judge anything too quickly or reach a conclusion. Always spare a time to understand things better.

(1) Are these statements True or False? Write T or F against each statement.

(1/2 × 4 = 2 marks)

- (i) Both father and son were walking happily. (.....)
- (ii) Father saw a man selling apples. (.....)
- (iii) Father gave two apples to the son. (.....)
- (iv) The son ate up both apples. (.....)

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(2) Where was the vendor selling apples? (1 mark)

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(3) Why did the father buy only two apples? (1/2 x 2 = 1 mark)

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(4) Complete the following sentence. (1 mark)

The father thought the son was as he did not share the apples.

(5) Find a word from the text which has the same meaning as the following. (1/2 x 2 = 1 mark)

(i) buy - (ii) error -

(6) What does 'he' in line 12 refer to? (1/2 x 2 = 1 mark)

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(7) Write the sentence that says the father was unhappy and worried. (1 mark)

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8

○ Test 16

Write on **one** of the following. Use about **150** words. (15 marks)

(a) Write an article to a school magazine on 'a famous Sri Lankan Buddhist monk'.

Include :

- name of the monk
- a brief description of his life
- service done to the country/ religion

(b) Write a speech you would make at the morning assembly on 'a Jathaka Story you have read'.

Include :

- name of the story
- story in brief
- moral of the story

(c) Write an essay on your 'favourite temple'.

Include :

- the location and the name of the temple
- special facts/ history
- why you like it

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