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Answer **all** questions **on this paper** itself.

PART A - GRAMMAR and VOCABULARY [35 marks]

Question 1

Fill in the blanks in the following text, using the prepositions given in the box. Use each preposition only once. There is one preposition extra. (5 marks)

to , when , in , on , until , at

A police officer in a small town stopped a motorist who was speeding down the main street. “But officer....” the young man began. “Let me explain the.....”

“Just be quiet”, snapped the officer. “I’m going to let you cool your heels in jail (1)..... our chief gets back”, the policeman said angrily.

‘But officer, I just want to say.....’ the young motorist started. “I said to keep quiet. You’re going (2)..... jail”, the police officer shouted, put the man into the cell and went away.

A few hours later, the police officer came back. He looked (3)..... the prisoner and said, “Lucky for you that the chief’s at his daughter’s wedding. He’ll be (4)..... a good mood, (5)..... he gets back. He’ll release you in no time”.

“Don’t count on it,” answered the young fellow in the cell.

“I’m the groom. Though I tried to tell it several times, you didn’t give me a chance.”

Question 2

Fill in each blank with the correct form of the verb given within brackets. (10 marks)

There was a man who had worked all of his life and had saved all of his money.

He (1)..... (be) a real miser and he loved money more than anything, and just before he (2)..... (die), he called his wife and said, “Now listen, when I die, I want you to place all my money in my coffin. I want to (3)..... (take) all my money to the after life”, and the wife (4)..... (agree).

One day the man died. He (5)..... (stretch) out in the casket. Just before closing the casket, the wife said, “wait a minute! ” and she came out with a beautiful box. Slowly she (6)..... (place) it in the casket. Then the undertakers locked the casket and (7)..... take it to the cemetery.

One of her friends (8)..... (look) at this. “I hope you are not crazy enough to put all that money there with that stingy old man”, she muttered.

“I’m an honest lady. I can’t lie. I promised him that I (9)..... (put) all his money into the casket”, the wife said.

“You meant to tell me, that you put every cent of his money in the casket with him”, the friend asked.

“I sure did”, said the wife. “I got it all together, put it into my bank account and I (10)..... (write) him a cheque”, she answered.

Question 3

Underline the most appropriate word from those given within brackets to fill the blanks in the following text. (10 marks)

A mouse was having a very tough time. She had no food for (1) (many/much/little) days. She tried a lot, but all her efforts went in vain. She looked (2)..... (anywhere/everywhere/nowhere) to find food. As the days pass by she became very thin.

One day, the mouse found (3)..... (a/the/an) basket full of cones. She also noticed a tiny hole in the basket, (4)..... (which/who/where) was sufficient enough to move her in. She easily moved inside and started eating cone. Since she had no food for (5)..... (all/much/many) days, she ate a large amount. After eating a whole lot of corn, she became very fat.

Satisfied with cones, the fat mouse tried to come out of the basket through (6)..... (a/an/the) small hole. Unfortunately the tiny hole could not accommodate the big mouse. She started screaming. A rat heard (7)..... (this/these/those) noise. He stopped outside and asked (8)..... (him/her/his) what happened. The mouse told the story and asked rat a solution.

“If you want to come out, wait for (9)..... (many/some/more) time or even days to lose all your fat. You won’t be able to come out (10)..... (though/since/until) you become thin.”

The mouse started to starve, and after many days he could come out.

Moral : Anything too much is good for nothing.

Question 4

Underline the most appropriate word from those given within brackets. (5 marks)

- 1). There were somequestions in the question paper.
(rough / tough / ugly / innocent)
- 2). The teacher asked the students to stayduring the examination.
(angry / silent / quick / noisy)
- 3). Chamath was verywhen he lost his phone on the bus.
(happy / relaxed / hungry / excited)
- 4). Although it was raining heavily, they.....to go hiking in the mountains.
(stopped / decided / promised / forgot)
- 5). Completing a marathon race can beif you've never run that distance before.
(interesting / fascinating / challenging / creating)

Question 5

Underline the correct word - ending, selecting from those given within brackets. (5 marks)

It was an exciting day for Bhanu. He visited the old museum with his friends and saw an amazing (1) collect (ing , ion , ed) of ancient items. He listened (2) care (ful , fully , lessly) to the guide's explanation. His (3) curious (ness , ly , ity) grew with each news display. Bhanu made notes in his note book. He felt a sense of happiness and wonder. After that they (4) relax (es , ed , ing) themselves in the near by park. That trip gave him (5) motiva (ted , ting , tion) to study history more seriously. It was truly an unforgettable experience.

PART B - READING and WRITING [25 marks]

Question 6

Underline the option that best expresses the meaning of each of the sentences given below in bold print. (5 marks)

- (1) **Nishani, whose sister studies in a Technical college, works as a telephone operator.**
- (a) Nishani studies in the Technical college.
 - (b) Nishani's sister is a telephone operator.
 - (c) Nishani is a telephone operator.
 - (d) Nishani studies in the Technical college while her sister works as a telephone operator.

- (2) **Neither Radhika attended the after school class, nor did she send her excuse for absence.**
- (a) Radhika did not attend the after school class, but she send a letter of excuse.
 - (b) Radhika attended the after school class, without sending a letter of excuse.
 - (c) Radhika informed her inability, but she attended the class.
 - (d) Radhika did not attend the class, and she did not send a letter of excuse.
- (3) **Our English teacher would have joined the trip, had our sectional head informed her.**
- (a) English teacher joined the trip.
 - (b) English teacher did not join the trip.
 - (c) The sectional head joined the trip.
 - (d) The sectional head informed the English teacher about the trip.
- (4) **On no condition will I reveal your secret.**
- (a) The speaker might reveal the secret.
 - (b) The speaker will reveal the secret after some time.
 - (c) The speaker is not sure weather he can keep the secret.
 - (d) The speaker will never reveal the secret.
- (5) **You still have the chance of winning the first place.**
- (a) You will be able to get the first place.
 - (b) You will never get the first place.
 - (c) You certainly will win the first place.
 - (d) You have no chance of winning the first place.

Question 7

Read the following four news items and answer the questions (a) and (b) (10 marks)

Adverse weather affects over 8000 people.

The department of meteorology has forecast over 75mm of rain in several districts including Colombo, Kandy and Nuwara Eliya. The Ministry of Defence reports that 8164 individuals from 2249 families have been affected so far by the adverse weather conditions. The NBRO's Landslide, Research and Risk Management Division urges residents in mountainous and landslide prone regions to remain alert. A marine advisory has also been issued warning of rough seas from Chilaw to Trincomalee via Puttalam. The department has urged the finishing community to refrain from going to sea until further notice.

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Effects of global warming on salt production in Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka's salt production has been significantly disrupted due to erratic rainfall patterns caused by global warming. The traditional solar evaporation method used in Sri Lanka requires at least 4045 days of uninterrupted sunlight to properly harvest salt. Chairman of National salt Limited told that, "salt is harvested through a solar evaporation method where sea water is gathered. In salt pans water is evaporated to form salt deposits. If heavy rains of 60 - 70 mm are experienced over a period of time, the salt deposits get washed away."

The global warming had worsened weather conditions in the recent decade. Sri Lanka is highly sensitive to global warming as we do not have the infrastructure to battle, compared to other countries.

②

Sri Lankan teen wins prestigious international competition.

16 years old Shshane Dassanayaka has brought global recognition to Sri Lanka by winning the 2025 International Public Speaking competition, held at the English speaking Union (ESU) International headquarters, Dartmouth House, London from May 12 to 16. Competing against students aged 16-20 from over 50 countries, including the USA, UK, Canada and Australia, Sashen impressed judges with a powerful and reflective speech that balanced emotional intelligence, global awareness and a compelling personal narrative. The international public speaking competition is the largest of its kind, involving over 100000 students across various stage from more than 50 countries in the world

③

Sri Lanka mourns the loss of Cinema legend.

Veteran actress Malani Fonseka fondly known as the "Queen of Sinhala Cinema", passed away on May 24th 2025, at the age of 78, when receiving treatment in a private hospital. Malini acted in movies such as "Eya Den Loku Lamayek", "Apeksha", "Thushara", "Isthree" etc. She also starred in the Tamil movie, "Pilot Premnath", along with famous South Indian actor Sivaji Ganeshan. Malini also acted in a few teledramas, including "Nirupama" which was telecast in the 1980's.

Her career spanned seven decades and she was named by CNN as one the Asias' 25 Greatest Film Actors of All Time in, 2010. Winning more than 40 awards in her career, she is also the most awarded Sri Lankan film actress ever. Her funeral was held at the Independence square on May 26, 2025

④

- (a) Underline the most appropriate response in each of the questions from (1)-(5).
- (1). How many people were affected by the adverse weather ?
- a) 8000 people
 - b) less than 8000 people
 - c) more than 8000 people
 - d) nearly 2500 people
- (2). Which of the following is not given in the news item about the salt production.
- a) The effect of rain on salt production.
 - b) The amount of salt produced in Sri Lanka.
 - c) The effect of global warming on salt production.
 - d) The method used to produce salt.
- (3). The underlined word “which” in the news item ④ refers to,
- a) Malini Fonseka and her films.
 - b) The tamil movie “Pilot Premnath”
 - c) The tele drama called “Nirupama”
 - d) The award she won in 2010.
- (4). What does “infrastructure” in news item ② refers to,
- a) the other requirements and the facilities.
 - b) salt pans
 - c) workers and the officials.
 - d) weather conditions.
- (5). Which of the following is the correct sentence, according to news item ③.
- a) International public speaking contest is one of the largest speaking contests.
 - b) over 100000 students participated in the competition held in London.
 - c) The competition lasted more than a week.
 - d) The students who are more than 20 years old, can't complete in this competition.

- (b) Do the following statements agree with the information given in the above text ? In boxes (6) - (10) write True, False or Not Given.

True	If the statement is correct
False	If the statement is wrong
Not Given	If there is no sufficient information.

statements		
(6)	Landslides may occur in some parts of the island.	
(7)	Sri Lanka still uses the traditional methods to produce salt.	
(8)	Sashane studies in an International school.	
(9)	Malini Fonseka acted in many Sinhala tele dramas.	
(10)	She won some international awards too.	

Question 8

Write a paragraph beginning with the given sentence. Use about 75-100 words. Do not exceed the word limit. Do not write more than one paragraph. (10 marks)

Waking up late teaches us the value of time.....

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