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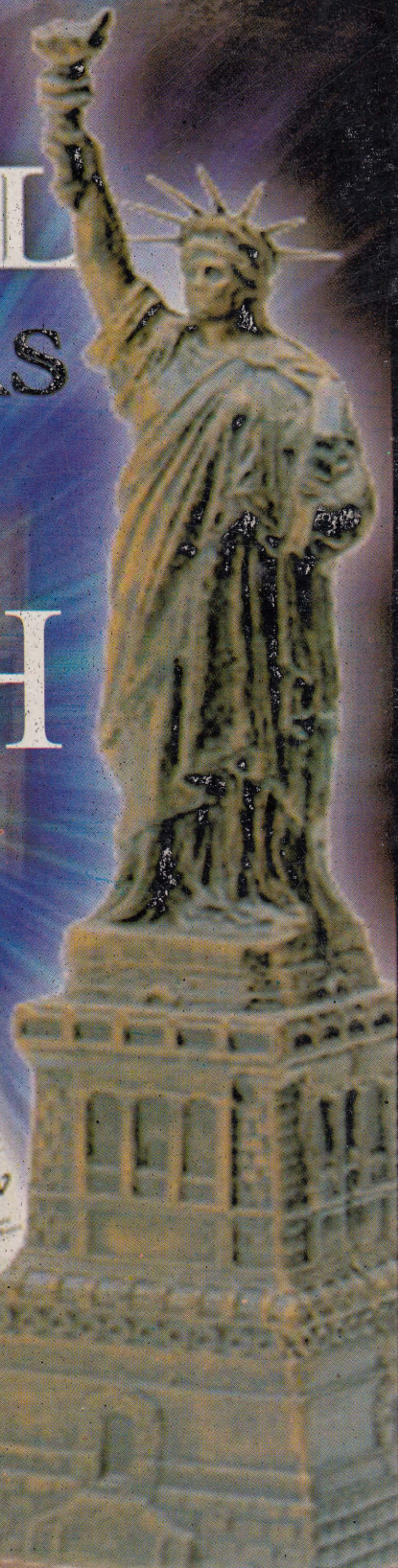
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE I

One hour

Test 1

Read the following note and fill in the blanks. Use the pronouns given in the box. *The first one is done for you.*

you ,	our,	she,	it,	hers,	your
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Dear Saliya,
 Thank (1) for the article for (2)
 environment magazine. (3) is short but
 covers all the points. Please tell (4)
 sister to send (5) too. Is (6)
 writing on pollution?

Sampath

Test 2

Complete the following dialogue. Use the words / phrases given in the box. *The first one is done for you.*

Anver : Have you ever visited (1) the Taj Mahal ?

Pradeep : Of course I have. I saw it on (2)

Anver : Really ! (3) When did you go there?

Pradeep : Well, just (4)

Anver : Two weeks ago! But two weeks ago
 (5)

Pradeep : Yes I was in school but at night
 (6) ?

Anver : Ha! ha! ha! So it was only a dream!

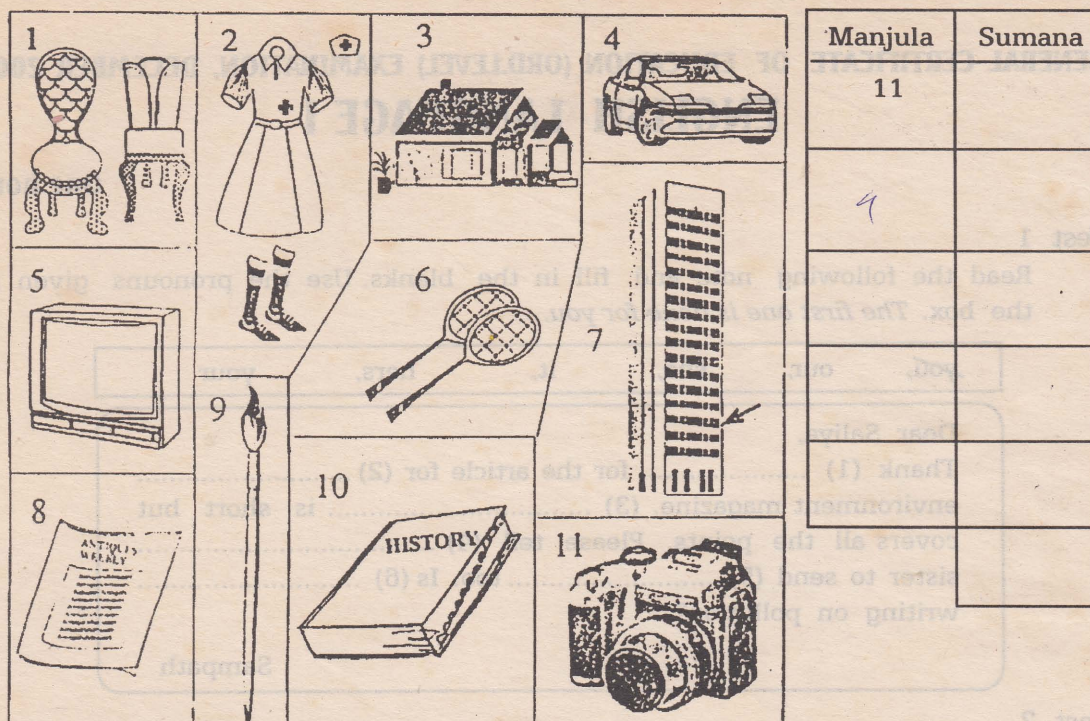
you were in school can't I dream as I like a full moon night lucky you! ⁸ two weeks ago. ⁷ the Taj Mahal
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Test 3

Read the following descriptions about Manjula and Sumana and match the items in the pictures with the descriptions. Write the number of the picture in the correct column. *The first one is done for you.*

Manjula is 32. He is a photographer. Manjula lives in a small single storey house. He goes to work by train. He does not own a car. Manjula does not like sports. He likes reading history books. His hobby is collecting antique furniture. Recently he gave away his television as he doesn't like watching TV. He cooks his own meals and invites his friends to share his food.

Sumana is a nurse. She lives in a flat. It's on the third floor. She drives to work everyday. She loves music and plays a guitar. She is also interested in tele - drama and spends a lot of time in front of the TV. Everyday she plays badminton with her friends. She doesn't read books but spends a lot of time painting scenes.



Manjula	Sumana
11	
9	

Test 4

Read the following advertisement and complete the table.

Certificate Course in computer Application

We will be starting this course specially for students waiting for A. L results.

It will be a three - month course beginning from 15 th May 2004.

The course will be conducted on week - ends, 9.00 to 12.00 each day.

The candidates will have to pay a total sum of Rs. 4500 at the beginning of the course.

Send in your application before 20th April 2004 to : The Register, Oxford College of Computers, 110, Galle Road, Colombo - 4.

For Whom	Duration	Class Days	Commencement	Course Fee	Closing Date
Students					
After A. L					

Test 5

Write a description on one of the following :

a housewife, an air hostess, a teacher

Follow the example given.

Siripala is a meson. He lives in a village. Whenever there is a house to be built he is consulted. The houses he builds are strong and nice. He gets paid for his work. He earns about Rs. 500 for a day. He hasn't got any regular working hours. Sometimes he works late into the evening. He doesn't have a lot of free time. But whenever there is some free time he plays his flute or sings in a beautiful voice.

Test 6

Write a paragraph about what you will do if you get a large sum of money. You may begin in the following way.

If I get a large sum of money I will

Test 7

Read the following text and answer the questions given below.

MEGACITIES

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.

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

We cannot get rid of megacities - 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. According to the text why do people like to live in cities?
.....
2. What are the advantages of living in cities?
.....
3. What are the problems in major cities as given in the text? Mention two.
(i) (ii)
4. What are 'urban villages' ?
.....
5. Mention two advantages of living in 'urban villages'
(i) (ii)

Test 8

You are going to invite some elders to your school to learn from their experiences. Write a notice for Grade 11 students to inform them. Include the following points.

- the day / date / time / venue
- purpose of inviting elders
- some information about two elders

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Two hours

Test 9

Underline the most suitable word that fills the blanks. *The first one is done for you.*

For many years prices have been (1) (continue, continuously, continuation) rising.

We pay more and more for goods and for the (2) of workmen. (service, serve, server)

It is now very (3) in- (cost, costly, costing) deed to employ a workman.

A house painter for example may want Rs. 600 for a (4) (day, days, daily)

People have therefore learnt to do many jobs by (5) (himself, themselves, oneself)

House painting can be learnt (6) (reson, reasonable, reasonably) well in a short time.

Test 10

Read the following classified advertisements and answer the questions given below.

130 _____ Birds, Pets & Fish Beautiful Kittens free to kind homes 15, Thelawal Road, Ratmalana. Z486	143 _____ Books & Magazines For sale Computer Books cheap edition clearance sale at half price, Bobe Agencies Limited, 80, Reclamation Road, Colombo. Tel. 821009 Z1861	Monday, Tuesday 4 - 5 p.m. Shop No. 41, Fashion city. Z 76 Salesmen for electronic car/ stereos VCD players etc. Walk - in interview 20th after 2.00 p.m. Alka Tech, No. 75, First Lane, Kirullapona. Z 9673
Young Parrots for, taming and talking Finches, jivas 650/=. Nekton vitamin Cat / Dog 35G - 250/= cages and more birds. Contact 749545 Z685	Magazines, Newspapers from india and Sri Lanka magazines, story books newspapers, school text books delivered at home. P.Sara, 16, Bandaranayaka Mawatha, Colombo 12, 696433, 510036.	181 _____ Board & Lodging Wanted A working student girl from Kandy doing higher studies needs a room with attached bath or an annexe from Havelock Town, Borella, Thimbirigasyaya, Kirullapona in a secure surrounding. Contact 08-213142
140 _____ Sports & Games Space walker hardly used expect 4000/=. Phone office 1393841, Residence 588444 Z9648	149 _____ Positions Vacant : Sales Personnel Sales Assistants (Female) for ladies dress shop at Fashion City. Should be fluent in English below 30 years. Salary over 5000/= per month. Interview	
Two new Golf Bags with attached carts and set of clubs for beginners. Call 605648. Z9648		

- (1) What are the books available at half price?
- (2) What sports item is available for beginners?
- (3) Samantha is 24 years old - fluent in English and lives in Colombo. Which job suits her?
- (4) Which sports item can you buy for Rs. 4000/= ?
- (5) Where can you get a free pet?

Test 11

Here is a part of a conversation. Match A's comments with B's responses. Write - the number of the comment in the right box. *The first one is done for you.*

- A. (1) Congratulations Mr. Dhanapala! Your success as a businessman is remarkable.
- (2) You started with nothing and ended up with everything.
- (3) You used to work and sleep on the pavement.

- (4) Tell us the secret of your success.
- (5) people admire you for your service to the country?
- (6) You can be proud of your children.
- (7) You have provided jobs to thousands of people.
- (8) You expect your employees to be honest!
- (9) We like to know about your hobbies and interests.
- (10) Your advice to the youth of our country.
- (11) Thank you. May you live longer!

B. Where else could I be when I didn't have a home. ☐

Thank you. I'm happy to hear you say so. ☐ 1

Thank you. Wish you the same. ☐

Well, they are brought up by my wife. ☐

Yes, from nothing to everything was a long way. ☐ 2

Yes, they should be sincere too. ☐

Oh yes, there are many people working in my factories. ☐ 3

Do they? I don't know. ☐

They are travelling and meeting people. ☐

It was sheer hard work - nothing else. ☐

Young men and women should work hard. ☐

Test 12

Look at the letter that a student has written to her friend. There are some mistakes. They are underlined. Correct the mistakes and write the correct words within brackets.

18, Greencroft Gardens,
London NW 6
10 th April 2003

Dear Surani,

How are you? I'm very well. I came in (1) (.....) London two weeks ago to study at a language school. I want to learn English first, to start my studies in the University.

I am stay (2) (.....) with an English family called Bannets. They have two son (3) (.....) and a daughter. Mr. Bannet is a teacher and Mrs. Bannet work (4) (.....) in a hospital. English people is (5) (.....) very kind, but they speak very fast.

I study in the morning. My teacher's name is Mary. She don't (6) (.....) give us too much homework. So in the afternoon, I always go sight-seeing. London is much big (7) (.....) than Colombo. I like painting and I am interesting (8) (.....) in modern art, so I visit galleries and museums. I met a girl called Christina. She came (9) (.....) from Greece and she have (10) (.....) a lovely flat near Regent's Park.

Please write to me soon.

Love
Shama

Test 13

Write a small description on one of the following :

- (a) a book you have read
- (b) a firm you have watched
- (c) an interesting person you have met

(Use about 100 words.)

Test 14

You got to know that your classmate Saman has started smoking cigarettes.

Write a letter to Saman advising him to stop this bad habit.

Include the following in your letter.

- say how you felt when you got this bad news.
- point out the bad effects of smoking
- invite him to your house to talk about it.

(Use about 100 words.)

Read the following text and answer the questions given below.

1. Father came home in the evening carrying a half open parcel of trees. They were thin and straight, rather like arrows but with shiny leaves at one end and muddy roots at the other. Tired though he was, he spent some time watering them and placing them in a shady corner in the shed. The next day being a Saturday all the members of the household were asked to take part in the planting of the trees. Suji however, was not very keen on that type of activity and preferred to stay in the house teasing her dog. When the work was completed the trees made an avenue down one side of the garden where Suji always hoped a wall would be built to separate her house from Dilini's.

"Why do we want a row of trees instead of a wall?" Suji asked her father.

2. He smiled and said "Walls are dead things. Besides, I don't have the money. These trees when they grow will form a live wall between our house and Siri's. They will provide a lot of shade to our two gardens and think of all the fruit you will have. A wall will be a hindrance to free movement. With these trees between the two houses you can easily go to see Dilini." Mother smiled her radiant smile and nodded in agreement.

3. Father's love of trees and his concern for Siri Uncle always puzzled Suji who was not one to care for anything or anybody seriously.

"Will the trees grow higher than a wall?" Suji asked.

"Oh yes. Twice as high if not more. It'll take a few years but they'll grow."

"These trees are so tiny. It will take many years for them to grow. A wall can be built easily. If we all work together we will not need a lot of money. You can have the money I have collected in my till."

4. Father smiled, "Uncle Siri and his family might feel a bit less happy if we built a wall between our two houses. It will separate the garden and separate us too. We don't want to be the cause of any unhappiness if we can help it."

This consideration for other people's feelings must be a grown up thing, Suji thought. It was not her idea of how to run things. These trees - it seems a lot of trouble to go to just to stop people being unhappy.

Father looked at Suji and stroked her head. "It isn't much trouble." He said "These trees will grow without help from us. They'll be beautiful and they will be the most valuable thing you ever had in life. Listen to them. You can already hear them whispering to us in the wind."

- (1) Underline the correct answer.

Father came home with the parcel of trees on

- (a) Saturday morning.
- (b) Friday evening.
- (c) Saturday evening.

- (2) What did the trees look like?
.....
- (3) Where did father put the trees after watering them?
.....
- (4) In paragraph two father mentions two good things the trees will provide. What are they?
(i)
(ii)
- (5) Write the sentence that says mother agrees with father's idea of planting a row of trees.
.....
- (6) Who said the following?
"You can have the money I have collected in my till."
- (7) What does "It" in paragraph 4 sentence 2 refer to?
.....
- (8) Read paragraph 4. Find words which have the same meaning as the following.
(a) to keep a distance in between
(b) speaking very softly and low

Test 16

Write on any one of the following. Use about 200 words.

- a. Write an essay on Living in the Future. - What it will be like :
- the environment
- the education
- the transport etc.
- b. Write an article to the school magazine suggesting a programme to educate Street Children in Sri Lanka. You may use the following guidelines:
- getting them to learn at school
- conducting afternoon classes
- establishing street schools
- c. Write what you hope to do after the O.L. Examination until the examination results are out.
- d. Write an article about an irrigation scheme in Sri Lanka.
For example : The Mahaweli Project
Include the following points.
- how it was started / completed
- purpose of the project
- how the reservoir was built
- who gets the benefits

ENGLISH LANGUAGE I

Answers

- Test 1
- (2) Our
 - (3) it
 - (4) your
 - (5) hers
 - (6) She

- Test 2
- (2) a full moon night
 - (3) lucky you
 - (4) two weeks ago
 - (5) you were in School
 - (6) can't I dream as I like

Test 3

Manjula	Sumana
11	2
3	4
10	9
1	5
8	7
	6

Test 4

For Whom	Duration	Class Days	Commencement	Course Fee	Closing Date
...Students...	Three months course	Weekends	15-05-2004		20-04-2004
...After A/L...	(Three months)	(Saturdays Sundays)	(15 th May 2004)	Rs.4500	(20 th April 2004)

Test 5

A House wife

Sumithra is a housewife. She lives in Kurunagala with her husband and two children. She looks after her children well. She takes care of her husband too. She cooks cleans and washes her children's clothes. Sumithra teaches her children too. She gets up early prepares the breakfast and feed the children and then sends them to School. After lunch she does sewing and prepares any short eats for the children. In the evening she does gardening or painting. She also reads story books. She is a very busy Lady.

An Air Hostess

Thania is an air hostess. She is smart and tall. Fair in complexion. She speaks pleasantly with every passenger who boards the plane, and specially very kind to children and elders. She is very punctual also paid well for her post. At leisure time she spends in painting and learning western music. She also read story books and magazines. She is fond of her parents and sometimes does financial help to them.

A teacher

She is a trained graduate, and lives in Kandy. Her name is Manel. Manel is short but fair. She wears kandyan saree. She is punctual and duty - minded.

She always dress neatly. Her salary is less because she has graduated very recently. Manel helps her mother in cooking and washing. At School She works very hard, to make the children study well.

Test 6

If I get a large sum of money shall anyhow save in a bank for my parents use, when they become very old. I shall spend for my higher education. I shall make arrangements to buy a house, for all of us to live independently. I will donate some money to the under privileged children to study. Lastly I would go to some temples and pray god for God is so great to help me this way.

Test 7

Mega Cities

- (1) They like these cities hoping to have a better life.
- (2) In cities they can work steadily and earn higher salaries to provide for their families.
- (3) Problems in major cities are,
 - (1) Pollution from auto emissions which poisons the air.
 - (2) Land fills overflowing with garbage.
- (4) Urban villages means building villages inside the cities.
- (5) Advantages of living in urban villages.
 - (1) Members of these villages would grow their own food in their premises for their use.
 - (2) They can cause little damages to the environment by recycling the wastes.

NOTICE

EXPERIENCE FROM THE ELDERS

Date :- 25th October 2003
 Day :- Saturday
 Time :- 10.00 A.M - 2.00 P.M
 Venue :- Hindu College Hall
 Jaffna.

We have invited two elders to our school. They have gone through many in explicable experiences. Most of the problems we are undergoing could be solved by listening to theirs.

- (1) Mr. Ramanathan a retired Civil Engineer. He was working in many building projects.
- (2) Mr. Panchalingam - An old principal of our school ten years ago. They would join us to give us some information and advice. We are looking forward to seeing you specially Grade 11 students.

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE II
Answers

Test 9

- (2) Service
- (3) costly
- (4) day
- (5) themselves
- (6) reasonably

Test 10

- (1) Computer Books.
- (2) Two new golf bags with attached carts and set of clubs.
- (3) Sales assistants (female)
- (4) Space walker
- (5) 15, Thelewal Road, Ratmalana.

Test 11

B.

3

1

11

6

2

8

7

5

9

4

10

Test 12

- | | |
|-------------|----------------------|
| (1) to | (6) doesn't |
| (2) staying | (7) bigger |
| (3) sons | (8) interested |
| (4) works | (9) comes / has come |
| (5) are | (10) has |

Test 13

(a) A book I have read

One of the most interesting books. I have ever read is "Anne of Green Gables". It describes the various events in the life of a little girl called Anne Shirley. Anne is an orphan, and is adopted 'accidentally' by Miss Marilla Cuthbert and her brother Matthew. Matthew wanted to adopt a boy who could help him with his work at the farm, but instead gets Anne. Anne has an extra ordinary imagination and is a chatterbox, who manages to win the hearts of many people. The story unwinds in a small village called 'Avonlea' in prince Edward Island. The author's description of this beautiful island and its inhabitants are wondrous. I think Lousia Montgomery is a wonderful author and Anne of Green Gables is the best book ever written by her.

(b) A film I have watched

I went to see a film in a cinema theatre one day. I went with my friend Raj. It was a tragic film called Tower in Fire. The film is about how the tower catches fire. Newly married couple have come to the Banquet Hall for the Ballroom party. The hall is illuminated with colorful bulbs and chandeliers. All are enjoying the refreshments with drinks. The hall is full of guests, enjoying

to the brim of their joy. All of a sudden gusts of flame began peep through the windows, curtains and the wires touches the flame, The crowds get startled and screams. Now they have no means of getting out of the building, some are jumping through the windows while others cry for help.

The fire fighters had arrived they are trying to save everybody. Unluckily the whole tower crashes to the floor with a tremendous noise. No one could be saved from the Banquet Hall. It was terrible film which I have ever seen.

(C) An interesting person I have met

One Sunday evening when I was in a hospital near a patient, I saw a well dressed short person going about talking to patients. Eventually he came near me to talk to us, but we ignored him. Any how he went round every person forecasting their future. Some used to give him money too.

When a nurse came near my friend to give medicine. I inquired about this man. She said that he comes there very often to forecast their future, and earns money. She also said that he had forecast correctly to a pregnant mother who was longing for baby girl after three sons that she would deliver a baby girl. Her dream too came true. They had presented him a ring too. After this he became famous. While we were talking there came another shocking message that this particular man had collapsed. We all rushed to see him but he had passed away peacefully. He himself didn't know his life's last minute.

Test 14

No 40, Rudra Mawatta,
Colombo -06.

Dear Saman,

We have been the best of friends for a long time now, and I believe that it is my duty, therefore to help you when you are in trouble and stop you from doing what is wrong. Recently I got to know that you have now become the victim of an extremely bad habit. When I heard that you have started smoking cigarettes I felt very sad, and I am disappointed in you. Felt like losing a best friend. Therefore, I want to point out to you. Why you shouldn't smoke. Smoking is very dangerous. It causes lung diseases such as Bronchitis, Asthma and lung cancer. It makes your teeth turn yellow. Smoking can kill. I don't want you to ruin your health and your happiness. I beg of you to stop this habit immediately.

I am willing to do what ever I can to help you. I invite you to come to my house. We can discuss your problem. I will offer you good advice. Please do come, for your own good.

Love,
Sunila.

Test 15

- (1) Father came home with the parcel of trees on Friday evening.
- (2) The trees looked like arrows with shiny leaves at one end.

- (3) Father put the trees after washing in a shady corner in the shed.
- (4) The two good things that the trees would provide
 1. Shady trees would provide live wall.
 2. Live wall between two houses / free movement
- (5) Mother smiled her radiant smile and nodded her head in agreement.
- (6) Suji said, "You can have the money I have collected in my till"
- (7) It in Paragraph 4 refers to "the trees" / a wall.
- (8) Same meaning For
 1. To keep a distance in between - Separate.
 2. Speaking very softly and low - Whispering.

Test 16

(a)

Living in the future

The future is something mysterious, something seemingly far - away that it always manages to capture our imagination what will things in the future be like? What can we expect? There have been many predictions but many have proved to be wrong. But it is nice to let your imagination wonder

You get up in the morning to the sound of birds chirping. You look through the window and catch glimpses of the beautiful gardens and forests between skyscrapers. You want to see what is going on in the dining room. Your mirror turns into a screen and you are also viewing your parents having fresh fruits served by Prusty, your robot. The air will be fresh as many air purifiers in and around the city makes sure everyone gets enough oxygen. It is easy to pick a nice suit from the collection shown on your mirror end and you can get it delivered at your doorstep within minutes.

Transport is extremely fast. Outside the window you see people flying to work on floating cars and bicycles. After you get to school, your computer will show you what work you have to do. Using the guide lines, You commence your research getting the facts easily. Learning is enjoyable. After school you have plenty of free time. You can call your friends and decide to visit the moon for your school project by booking tickets for the bus to the moon is outside your window. You hop in and off you go. Living in the future is fantastic. Doesn't it?

(b)

Education of Street Children

In Sri Lanka we see many children roaming on roads and pavements begging or robbing from passers - by. Some are very mischievous and annoy old people who walk along the road. Main cause for this is poverty and illiteracy.

To eradicate these an association consisting of area M.P, a police, a doctor, a priest and a teacher should be formed. They should go round, Colombo suburbs watching children, who do not attend school during school hours, and speak to them and their parents to collect information

about them. Then start counselling them by giving necessary advice. Call them to a particular place and speak to their children. Extend our programme to every towns and villages.

We could get government's assistance through social services to provide them with clothes and books which are the basic needs to children. They should be taught Health, Maths and their respective Languages and Religion to improve their status.

Prize giving ceremony should be conducted. Tuition may be given to improve their standard. These classes may be conducted in community centres, by employing jobless youths for small allowances. Doctor could pay a visit to check their health. This is the only way we could help to educate street children.

(d)

Mahaweli Project

Mahaweli project is a multi purpose project which commenced in 1972. It was planned to harness the river water which falls waste into the ocean to develop irrigation and to produce hydropower generation. In Sri Lanka this project was schemed for 30 years. Anyhow the next government which came to power limited the period of six years, enhancing employment and including settlement of people in agricultural areas.

Hydroelectric power generation for irrigation, cultivation of agricultural lands by deforestation, to encourage chena cultivation are the benefits gained by this multi - purpose project.

In this project 207 miles long Mahaweli river was traversed from the wet zone to the dry zone. Mahaweli catchment includes water sheds of Kotmale oya, Belihul oya as the source of water for Hydroelectric power and irrigation project. Hydropower generation has a capacity of 450 MW for irrigation of an additional 365, 000 hectares of land in the dry zone.

With the guidances of world fame economist and technologist, this project is operated with the help of world Bank. Different countries have taken the responsibilities of developing the project successfully. Technologist from world over and economist of Sri Lanka too are engaged in acceleration of this project.

From this project our country has benefited. Dry zones are changed into agricultural lands. Due to this many area of lands are cultivated. Five lakhs of people are employed in this project so, that unemployment is solved. New industries are accelerated. Dry lands would turn out to be fertilized lands. People living here would be provided with schools, hospitals, temples and houses to make their village look refreshing.



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ENGLISH LANGUAGE I

One hour

Test 1

Read the following notices and fill in the missing words. Use the words given. *The first one is done for you.*

on, in, at, about, by, for

NOTICE BOARD

Save the Trees

Cards (1) in aid of save the Trees Fund are available (2) the school bookshop.

Drama club

Will all those acting in "House (3) the sea" please be prepared (4) a rehearsal (5) this Friday. Please make sure your parents know (6) this event.

Nirosha

Test 2

Read the following conversations and fill in the blanks. Use the words / phrases in the box. *The first one is done for you.*

catch, open, take a photograph, buy some medicine, complete, go home early

- Sunil : Is the pharmacy (1) open ? I have to (2)

Nirmali : Yes, It is open 24 hours.
- Ravi : That really is a beautiful scene. Let's (3)

Naveen : You cannot (4) it on film now. There isn't enough light.
- Ranjini : Today I must (5)

Srini : Why? Don't you want to stay and practise for the sportsmeet?

Ranjini : I'll do it tomorrow. Today I have to (6) my homework.

Test 3

Study the following pictures and complete the words. Follow the example. One dash (-) stands for one letter. The first letter of the word is given.

Example



The boy is resting.
He is leaning against a t r e e.



The boy is exercising.
He is (1) s _ _ _ _ _ on his (2) h _ _ _ _ .



The man is a carpenter.
He has made a (3) b _ _ _ _ .
Now he is (4) p _ _ _ _ _ it.



The boy is (5) s _ _ _ _ _ .
His (6) f _ _ _ _ is covered with a (7) p _ _ _ _ .



The (8) h — — — — is on an island.
It is (9) s — — — — — — — — by
(10) w — — — —.

Test 4

Read the following text about a famous writer and complete the table given below.

He was born in Missouri, USA in 1835. His real name was Samuel Langhorne Clemens. Mark Twain was his pen name. It is said to mean 'safe water'.

Twain had six siblings and grew up by the Mississippi river. He loved to read and write. Later he wrote for a small town paper and also helped his brother with his newspaper. He is said to have travelled to New York and then headed West. He liked steam boats and later went on to navigate one.

He became a famous novelist. His most famous books are Huckleberry Finn, Tom Sawyer and The Prince and the Pauper. Twain passed away of a heart disease in 1910 and it is said that Halley's Comet was seen that year just like it was seen the year he was born.

MARK TWAIN - A world famous writer

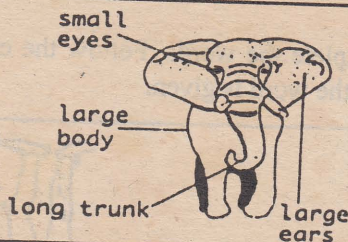
Real name	(1)	.....
Pen name	(2)	.....
Year of birth	(3)	.....
Number of brothers and sisters	(4)	.....
Likes and interests	(5)	..... (6) (7)
Titles of books written	(8)	..... (9)
	(10)	.....

Test 5

Read the paragraph on elephants and write similar paragraphs about the other two animals. Use all the words given with the picture.

Elephants

very large
grey
live in Africa /
India / Sri Lanka
eat leaves

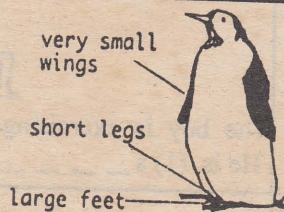


Elephants

Elephants are grey, and they are very large animals. They have a large body, large ears, and a long trunk, but very small eyes. They live in India, Africa, and Sri Lanka. They eat leaves.

Penguins

usually black and
white can't fly
can swim very well
live by the sea
eat fish



Rabbits

quite small
brown
can run
very fast
eat grass



Test 6

Write a short description about yourself by answering the following questions. Write complete sentences.

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| 1. How do you spend your free time? | 2. What sports are you good at?
What are your other interests? |
| 3. How much time do you spend studying English? | 4. How often do you exercise? |
| 5. Where would you like to go for a holiday?
With whom would you like to go? | 6. What do you want to do in the future? |

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Test 7

Read the following text and answer the questions given below.

Inventions for the Modern World

How would you use a radio or a telephone if you had no electricity or batteries? These problems bothered British inventor Trevor Baylis. So in 1996 he invented a wind-up radio. It doesn't need electricity or batteries. You wind it up by hand. It plays for about an hour. Then, you wind it up again. Today it's manufactured in South Africa.


Then in 1999, Baylis invented a mobile telephone that is powered by shoes. The shoes contain a small battery that is powered when you walk. This battery is connected to a mobile phone. These two simple inventions can bring modern communications to all parts of the world.

Baylis doesn't have a university degree in engineering. In fact, he left high school before graduating. He just loves making things to help people. He never knows when ideas will come to him. He got the idea for the radio while watching TV. The idea for the telephone came to him in a dream.

- What are the two inventions of Trevor Baylis?
(i) (ii)
- How do these two inventions help people?
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- Where is his first invention manufactured now?
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- How is Trevor's second invention powered?
- How did he get the ideas for his two inventions?
(i) (ii)

Test 8

You are the Secretary of the Health Club of Kurulugama. You received a donation of Rs. 10 000 from Mr. Gunasekera a well wisher of the area. Write a note to inform the members of the club about the donation. Mention the following in your note.

- a short description about  Mr. Gunasekera's donation
- say how the club appreciates the good deed
- what you hope to do with the money for the people of Kurulugama
e.g. give free spectacles to the elderly persons

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Two hours

Test 9

Read the following text. Underline the correct word that fills the blank. *The first one is done for you.*

Last Sunday afternoon my mother took my sisters, a friend and me to the (1) .....our favourite spot for a swim.	jungle, <u>beach</u> , mountains
It was a beautiful day and the (2) was a cloudless blue, the waves were little white capped ringlets.	sea, sky, sand
At about six o'clock we built a fire on the beach and cooked our (3)	breakfast, lunch, dinner
After that we watched the sea, the twinkling (4) of the distant ships and we sang songs and related stories.	lights, stars, people
Then we put out the (5) packed our things and left for home.	bags, fire, food
My father was worried about us and he was on the front steps awaiting our (6)	arrival, departure, results

Test 10

Read the following page taken from a dictionary and answer the questions given below.

lust <i>lʊst</i> , <i>lʊst</i> , <i>n.</i> [O.E. <i>lust</i> . pleasure.]	lychgate . Same as <i>lichgate</i> .
lustre <i>lʊstər</i> , <i>n.</i> 1 gloss. brightness. 2 splendour. 3 renown.	lying . See <i>lie</i> ^{1,2}
lust'rous <i>adj.</i> bright, shining. [Fr. <i>-L. lustre</i> . to shine.]	Lyme disease <i>līm diz - ēz'</i> , <i>n.</i> a viral disease transmitted by ticks [Discovered in Lyme, Connecticut U.S.A.]
lustrous . See <i>lust</i> .	lymph <i>limf</i> , <i>n.</i> 1 a colourless or yellowish fluid in animal bodies. 2 a vaccine.
lute <i>lūt</i> , <i>lūt</i> , <i>n.</i> an old stringed instrument shaped like a half pear. [Arabic, al, the 'ud, wood, lute.]	lymphat'ic <i>adj.</i> 1 of lymph. 2 sluggish. - <i>n.</i> a vessel which conveys the lymph. [L. <i>lymphā</i> , watēf.]
luxury <i>lʊk'shu-ri</i> , <i>n.</i> 1 free indulgence in costly pleasures. 2 anything rare and delightful. 3 something pleasant but not necessary :- <i>pl.</i>	lynch <i>linch</i> - <i>sh</i> , <i>v.t.</i> to condemn and put to death without the usual forms of law. [William Lynch of Virginia (18th cent.).]
lux'uries .	lynx <i>lingks</i> , <i>n.</i> a catlike animal noted for its sharp sight.
luxū'riant (<i>lug-zūr'</i>) <i>adj.</i> 1 very free in growth. 2 over-rich in ornament.	lynx' - eyed <i>adj.</i> sharp - sighted. [Gk.]
luxu'riance, luxu'riancy <i>ns.</i>	lyre <i>līr</i> , <i>n.</i> musical instrument like harp.
luxū'riantly <i>adv.</i>	lyric (<i>lir' -</i>) <i>n.</i> 1 a lyric poem. 2 (in. <i>pl.</i>) the words for song.
luxū'riate <i>v.i.</i> 1 to be luxuriant. 2 to live luxuriously. 3 to revel (in):- <i>pr.p.</i> luxu'riating .	lyrical (<i>lir' -</i>) <i>adj.</i> 1 (of poetry; also lyr'ic) expressing the individual emotions of the poet. 2 expressing great enthusiasm.
lux'urious <i>adj.</i> supplied with luxuries.	lyre'bird <i>n.</i> an Australian bird having the tail-feathers of the male arranged in a form like that of a lyre. [Fr. <i>L. lyra</i> -Gk.]
luxu'riously <i>adv.</i> luxū'riousness <i>n.</i> [Fr. <i>luxurie</i> -L. <i>luxus</i> , excess.]	
lycnee, nitchi, lichee <i>lī'chē, lē'chē</i> <i>n.</i> a Chinese fruit, with edible pulp [Chinese <i>li-chi</i> .]	

- (1) What does a lute look like?
- (2) Who transmits lyme disease?
- (3) What special feature is noted in a lynx?
- (4) Where do you find the following?
A lychee a lyre bird
- (5) Complete the following sentence.
Lyrical poetry expresses individual of a

Test 11

Use the correct phrase from the box and complete the dialogue.

ask for hand over	get away sign off	caged in carry out	piling up tired of	looked for turn down
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Salani : How is your new job Rajiv?

Rajiv : Oh! Not so good. I'm getting (1) it.

Salani : Why? What's up? You have a good job and you say you don't like it.

Rajiv : I wouldn't say it is that good. I should have (2) something better.

Salani : Something better! What do you mean?

Rajiv : Look, here I'm (3) all day. All I do is (4) other people's instructions. I'm never allowed to do anything on my own. The work keeps (5) and when I (6) in the afternoon I'm dead tired.

Salani : What you need is a good holiday? You must (7) from your work for a while.

Rajiv : That is easier said than done. I cannot leave like that. I must (8) permission.

Salani : So what? You have only to (9) an application for leave.

Rajiv : Who knows ? He might (10) my request.

Test 12

Here is a part of an interview. It is about a "perfect weekend". Read the questions and match them with the answers. Write the number of the question in the correct box. *The first one is done for you.*

- (1) Where would you go?
- (2) How would you get there?
- (3) Where would you stay?
- (4) What medicine would you take with you?
- (5) What essential piece of clothing would you take?
- (6) What would you eat and drink?
- (7) What would you read?
- (8) What three things would you leave behind at home?

- (9) What three things would you most like to do?
 (10) To whom would you send a postcard?
 (11) What souvenir would you bring home?

A whole pile of detective stories. ☐

Lots of everything. Fresh fruit, vegetables, ice-cream and chocolates ☐

To a far off place. I'm not going to tell you its name. It's hot but green. ☒

Watch the stars, sleep under a tree, relax. ☐

Halfway by train and the rest on foot. ☐

My alarm clock, my word processor and the phone. ☐

At least twenty beautiful pictures and sweet memories. ☐

No one, I'd buy a lot, write two or three and then forget to post them. ☐

Nothing special but I'd need a large sunhat. ☐

I'd find a fisherman's hut or anything with a roof would do. ☐

I'd like to have something for mosquito bites. ☐

Test 13

Your English teacher took you to see one of the following :

Sinharaja

Kumana

Sigiriya

Write a small description about it including the following

- how you went / who went
- what you saw
- what you did
- how you felt

(Use about 100 words.)

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Test 14

You want to start a small industry on your own. As you do not have enough money you have to get a loan from a bank. Write a letter to the manager of the Community Bank in your area.

- talk about the industry you are going to start (e.g coir products, clay pots, cane chairs)
 - ask about the loan facilities of the bank (amount of money given, interest, period for payment etc.)
 - ask for an application form
- (Use about 100 words.)

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Read the following text and answer the questions given below.

My grandmother, like everybody's grandmother, was an old woman. She had been old and wrinkled for the twenty years that I had known her. People said that she had once been young and pretty and had even had a husband, but that was hard to believe.

My grandmother and I were good friends. My parents left me with her when they went to live in the city and we were constantly together. She used to wake me up in the morning and get me ready for school. She said her morning prayer in a monotonous sing-song, while she bathed and dressed me, in the hope that I would listen and get to know it by heart. I listened because I loved her voice but never bothered to learn it.

When my parents were comfortably settled in the city, they sent for us. That was a turning point in our friendship. Although we shared the same room, my grandmother no longer came to school with me. I used to go to an English school in a motor bus. There were no dogs in the streets, so she took to feeding sparrows in the courtyard of our city house.

As the years rolled by we saw less of each other. For sometime she continued to wake me up and get me ready for school. When I came back she would ask me what the teacher had taught me. I would tell her English words and little things of western science, the law of gravity, Archimedes' principle, the world being round, and the like. This made her unhappy. She could not help me with my lessons.

When I decided to go abroad for further studies, I was sure my grandmother would be upset. I would be away for five years, and at her age one could never tell. But my grandmother could.

She was not even sentimental. She came to leave me at the railway station but did not talk or show any emotion. Her lips moved in prayer, her mind was lost in prayer. Her fingers were busy telling the beads of her rosary. Silently she kissed my forehead, and when I left I cherished the moist imprint as perhaps the last sign of physical contact between us.

But that was not so. After five years I came back home and was met by her at the station. She did not look a day older. She still had no time for words, and while she clasped me in her arms I could hear her reciting her prayers. Even on the first day of my arrival, her happiest moments were with sparrows whom she fed longer and with frivolous rebukes.

- (1) For how many years had the writer known his grandmother?
- (2) Write two things about the grandmother that the writer finds it difficult to believe?
(i) (ii)
- (3) Why did the writer listen to the grandmother's prayers?
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- (4) Coming to live in the city changed the writer's relationship with the grandmother. Find the sentence from the text which gives this idea.
- (5) Write the reason why the grandmother was unhappy.
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- (6) Underline the correct answer.
The writer cherished the moist imprint of the grandmother's kiss because
(a) he felt that he would never see her again.
(b) the grandmother did not talk to him.
(c) he thought the grandmother was upset.
- (7) Find words from the passage which have the same meaning as the following.
(a) one unchanging tone :
(b) to protect and love :

Test 16

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

- (a) Write a speech to be made at the inter-school debate on "**Tourism - the good and the bad of it**".

- explain what tourism is
- talk about its advantages and disadvantages
- your suggestions for improving tourism in Sri Lanka

- (b) Complete the following story.

Standing on the bridge, I looked around. I saw a small child sitting all alone,

- (c) You are a press reporter who has to report a **drought** that has struck the people in the dry zone of Sri Lanka. You visited some areas in the dry zone and took down the following notes. Using the notes write a **report** to a newspaper.

Drought in the dry zone	
<u>Duration</u>	- 3 months
<u>Effect on the</u>	<div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"> <div style="display: inline-block; width: 0; height: 0; border-left: 10px solid transparent; border-right: 10px solid transparent; border-bottom: 15px solid black; margin-right: 5px;"></div> <div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"> people animals environment </div> </div>
<u>People interviewed</u>	Farmers housewives school children
<u>What they said</u>	
<u>Aid provided</u>	



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ENGLISH LANGUAGE I

Answers

Test 1 1. in 2. at 3. by 4. for 5. on 6. about

Test 2

1. open
2. buy some medicine
3. take a photograph
4. catch
5. go home early
6. complete

Test 3

(1) standing	(2) head	(3) bench	(4) painting
(5) sleeping	(6) face	(7) paper	(8) house
(9) surrounded	(10) water		

Test 4

- (1) Samuel Langhorne Clemens
- (2) Mark Twain
- (3) 1835
- (4) 6
- (5) read / reading
- (6) writing / write
- (7) steam boats
- (8) Huckleberry Finn
- (9) Tom Sawyer
- (10) The Prince and the Pauper

Test 5 Penguins :- Penguins are usually black and white, and they can't fly. They can swim very well. They have very small wings, and short legs, but large feet. They live by the sea. They eat fish.

Rabbits :- Rabbits are brown and white. They are quite small. They can run very fast. They have very long ears and large eyes, but a small white tail. They eat grass.

Test 6 I spend my free time reading books. I am good at Table tennis and Cricket. My other interests are writing to pen-pals and playing the piano. I spend about an hour studying English. I exercise once a week. I like to go to Kandy for a holiday with my family members. I want to continue my studies and be a science teacher in the future.

Test 7 (1) (i) a wind up radio
(ii) a mobile phone
(2) to communicate they bring modern communication to all parts of the world.
(3) in South Africa
(4) By shoes
(5) (i) While watching TV
(ii) in a dream

Test 8

Health Club,
Kurulugama,
07th December 2002.

Dear members,

We have received a donation of Rs. 100 000 from Mr. Gunasekera who is the manager of the Bank of Ceylon, Kurulugama.

As the members of the club we appreciate the good deed done. We hope to donate two wheel chairs to two handicapped children. We could also give free spectacles to the needy people in our area. Please be present at the next meeting.

Vedura.

The secretary

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Answers

Test 9 (1) beach (2) sky (3) dinner
(4) lights (5) fire (6) arrival

Test 10 (1) a half pear
(2) ticks
(3) sharp sight
(4) in China in Australia
(5) emotions poet

Test 11 (1) tired of (2) looked for
(3) caged in (4) carry out
(5) piling up (6) sign off
(7) get away (8) ask for
(9) hand over (10) turn down

Test 12

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Test 13 (a)

Sigiriya

Last Sunday we went to Sigiriya. Our English teacher organized this trip. We went by bus. All the students in our class and three teachers participated on this trip.

Sigiriya is the rock fortress built by king Kashyapa. We saw the ponds, the gardens and the world famous sigiriya Portraits. We were fascinated by the beauty of the paintings. Sigiriya means Lion. We climbed up the rock, we saw the ruins of the palace. We learned more about the history of Sigiriya from our Social Studies teacher, who went with us. We felt proud of our ancestors and their skills.

(b)

Kumana

Our class was quite excited as our teacher promised to organize a trip to the well known Bird sanitary "Kumana".

We left at 6. A.M by bus to this place. We were accompanied by our teacher of English and three others from the staff.

Kumana is near the Yala national park. As we approached this wonderful nature reserve, we heard the welcome twitter of thousands of birds. We were fascinated by the variety of indigenous acou'stic birds and marvelled at Gods creations. These birds are here from April to July. We were told that the migrant birds arrive here from October onwards, to get away from the harsh winter. We were not fortunate to meet these "migrants" as it was the month of March, but we gathered a lot of information about these birds. Some birds make a maro than flight from Siberia to enjoy the summer in Sri Lanka. They said that it is a beautiful sight to see the ducks take off in an arrow head formation back to their homeland.

It was a useful trip, as we were able to see and experience, what we learnt in theory.

We had sing - songs and had lunch under the trees. It was a great joy to share our lunch and enjoy the freedom like the birds around us.

We left kumana reluctantly around 5 P.M with a lasting impression of natures gifts.

Test 14.

40, 3/2 Rudra Mawatta,
Colombo - 06.
25th November 2002

The Manager,
Community Bank,
Colombo - 01.

Dear Sir,

Requesting a loan to start a small industry

I wish to start a small industry of my own. I intend making export quality Cane chairs and also for the local market. As I don't have enough capital I wish to apply for a loan.

I'll be very grateful to you sir, if you could help me by granting a comfortable loan.

I wish to know the maximum amount that will be granted, the interest rate and the period in which the loan should be settled.

I will be most grateful to you, if you could send me an application form with the information requested.

Awaiting an early reply.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

L. Sharujan.....
(L. Sharujan)

Test 15

- (1) twenty years
- (2) (i) she had once been young / and pretty.
(ii) she had (even) had a husband.
- (3) because she / he the writer loved her voice.
- (4) That was a turning point in our friendship.
- (5) She could not help the writer with his / her lessons.
- (6) (a) he felt that he would never see her again
- (7) (a) monotonous (b) cherish

Test 16. (a)

Tourism

Madam Principal, Teachers and Students, I thank your for inviting me to speak on this important topic "Tourism"

Tourism is an organized service for tourists, with an eye on commercial value.

Most of the tourists, who come to Sri Lanka are from western countries. They set out on tours to relax and enjoy life from the stress and strain of the machine life they lead. Some venture ont to enrich their knowledge on the geography, history and the rich culture of the people of the east. They are impressed with the disciplined and simple life style of the easternness and the natural scenic beauty of the country. Sri Lanka was once know as "The pearl of the Indian ocean" and the "Paradise of the East"

The tourist industry at present is a major foreign exchange earner. It is also a highly competitive industry. Therefore to attract the tourist, an aggressive market strategy is essential. Impressive advertisements forceful propaganda will have to be thought of to lure more customers. We also must provide attractive facilities like better hotels and easy access to places of historical importance.

In the past we stressed on the sun sand and surf image. Now we must develop new strategies focusing on world heritage sites and the remarkable history of the nation could be adopted with colorful literature and well informed guides.

The advantages are it is an excellent foreign exchange earner. The arrival of tourists can improve our outlook in life and it is a window to better knowledge in technology, language, business management etc,

The disadvantages are rather crushing to our values, culture, customs religion and life style. Drug trafficking has increased with the development of tourism, which is eroding the disciplined life style of the Asian society. There is too much permissiveness in our society now. The conservative style of women is slowly vanishing.

Therefore the Propagandist must stress on guidelines to suit the needs of tourists as well as our own to prevent the erosion of our cultural heritage. The host and guest must be provided opportunities to benefit from each other. The host country preserving its own heritage and the tourists gaining a rich and new experience.

(b) Standing on the bridge

Standing on the bridge I looked around. I saw a small child sitting all alone on the pavement. I was curious about this child who was one or two years old. It was late in the evening and I came there to take a breath of fresh air. There wasn't any one on the bridge except the child and me.

As I was puzzled I went near the child who seemed to belong to a rich family. It was a girl. She was dressed neatly and she seemed frightened.

I touched her head tenderly and asked what she was doing at this time in the evening. She was not able to speak and burst into tears. As there wasn't anyone around. I thought of taking the child to the police station to find her parents. But it was obvious that she was hungry and tired, thinking that her parents must have lost her. I took her into my arms and went towards my home.

At home I fed her with milk and some biscuits. After a hearty meal, the child fell asleep on the sofa. I telephoned the police station and informed about her, But nobody had reported of a lost child.

She woke up the next morning and was agitated after seeing me. I conformed her and gave her some of the toys my children used to play with when they were small. She was a beautiful child with curly hair and a fair complexion. I started loving her as she become friends with me quickly.

In the morning the police officers came with very sorrowful news. It was found that the child's parents had committed suicide, jumping into the river, leaving the child on the bridge. Their bodies were found. I was sorry for the little girl. I was alone as my children were living abroad. I thought of adopting one child. I was sure that she would be a nice companion for me.

I informed the government and the police about my decision and legally adopted her.

This incident happened twenty years ago. Now she is my own child grown up into a beautiful young lady.

(c)

Report on Drought

Very often, the people in the dry zone are affected severely by periodical droughts, which lasts for 2-3 months.

Recently, I was commissioned to visit Hambantota, to get on the spot information - about drought stricken areas. As we drove, we could see the devastating effect of the drought to the environment, the people and animals.

The lands were parched. We could see people and animals wondering in search of water, to quench their thirst. The inhabitants of the area looked unhealthy, with dry skins and broken lips, due to the excessive heat. I could feel the heat piercing through my skin and my eyes were burning.

I interviewed a few farmers who were squatting near their fields, with a blank look on their faces, their future a question mark. The farmers said in broken voices that they had invested all their savings in the land expecting a good harvest. The farmers depend mainly on the rain, but the weather Gods were not too kind and they were wondering about how to start life again.

The house wives chattered incessantly about the sufferings they face every year. The government must do something to put an end to this "massacre" with new immigration schemes using modern technology "If there is the will there is the way". The government takes a lukewarm attitude towards the sufferings of the people of this area.

The children were a pathetic sight. They looked as though they have been stripped of everything. No regular schooling as the schools were unable to provide the basic needs like drinking water for the children and toilet facilities.

The politicians, the N.G.O's and Social Service Associations rushed to the scene and did their best to ease the sufferings of the people. They provided dry rations, water and even compensations for the losses incurred by the people. But this was insufficient and temporary. People were planning to migrate to better pastures.

The animals were the worst affected, for there was no water to drink and no foliage to feed on. I could see a few carcasses on the wayside. The stink was unbearable. Unless something is done, the area will be affected by infectious diseases.

The government must plan out new strategies immediately. They must find a permanent solution to this problem which occurs almost early. Temporary relief is not the answer and it is of no use.



Very often the people in the dry zone are affected severely by diarrhoeal diseases, which last for 2-3 months.

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The politicians, the NGOs and Social Service Associations rushed to the scene and did their best to ease the sufferings of the people. They provided dry rations, water and even compensations for the losses incurred by the people. But this was insufficient and temporary. People were pining to migrate to better pastures.

The animals were the worst affected, for there was no water to drink and no foliage to feed on. I could see a few carcasses on the wayside. The sick was unbearable. Unless something is done, the area will be affected by infectious diseases.

The government must plan out new strategies immediately. They must find a permanent solution to this problem which occurs almost every year. Temporary relief is not the answer and it is of no use.



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Paper I
One hour

Test 1

Study the picture and fill in the blanks. Use the prepositions given in the box. *The first one is done for you.*



down of into across up along

The man goes out (1) of the house (2) the road
(3) the steps (4) the bridge (5)
the steps and (6) the shop.

Test 2

Fill in the blanks in the following conversations. Use words from the box. *The first one is done for you.*

soap, radio, post a letter, stamps, wash my hands, listen to the news

1. A. Excuse me. Have you got a radio here? I want to
B. Yes, there's one in the kitchen.
A. Thanks.
2. A. I want to Have you got any ?
B. Sorry. I don't think I've got any. I'll just have a look? No sorry.
3. A. Food is ready!
B. OK I just want to Have you got any ?
A. Yes, there's some on the shelf.

Test 3

Study the picture and fill in the blanks in the text given below.

This is the picture of a sitting room. There are two men and (1)



(2) in the picture. The (3) seated on the settee is (4) TV. There is a (5) on the TV. The woman seated at the table is (6) The other woman is (7) out of the (8) There is a (9) and a (10) on the shelf.

Test 4

Read the following text and complete the chart given on the next page.

The people of Nepal are of several different tribes and speak different languages. In the higher valleys live the Tibetans, while in the centre and west live the Newars and the Gurkhas. The Sherpas, another mountain tribe of Nepal, have become famous as porters and guides for international climbing expeditions. The Gurkhas belong to the Hindu religion, but some of the Nepalese have embraced Buddhism. There are a number of schools and a University in Nepal. The capital is Kathmandu, a town of about 235,000 people with narrow streets of brick houses and many fine temples. Timber and tourism are major industries.

NEPAL	
Capital (1)	Population of capital city (2)
Tribes (3) (4) (5) (6)	
Religions (7) (8)	
Industries (9) (10)	

Test 5

Use the words in the boxes to describe the people in the story. The first one is done for you.



- (1) I got on the train and found my seat. There was only one other person in the compartment. He was a short man in his 30s with curly black hair and a moustache. He was wearing a brown raincoat. Just before the train left the station, a woman came into our compartment and sat down opposite me.

black	moustache
short	30s
brown	raincoat
curly	hair

- (2) She

green	tall	short
beautiful		20s
hair	saree	

- (3) At the next station, an old man got in and sat in the corner of the compartment. He

beard	long	70s
short	bald	
walking stick		

Test 6

Write about a festival or other national celebration in Sri Lanka. Use the questions given in the box to decide what to write.

What is the festival or celebration called?
 What time of year does it take place?
 How long does it last?
 Do people wear special dresses?
 Do people eat special food?
 What activities take place?

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Test 7

Read the following text and answer the questions given below the passage.

Every year, millions and millions of Monarch butterflies fly 4,000 km from Canada to Mexico and then 4,000 km back again. They fly 45 km every day for three months. They go to Mexico because it is cold in Canada. They are in Mexico for six months, from October to April. In Mexico, they lay their eggs and then they die. In April, the new butterflies start to fly back to Canada. There, they lay their eggs and then they die. The new butterflies then fly to Mexico. Monarch butterflies always go to the same places in Mexico and to the same trees. How do they know the way? Why do they go to the same trees? Only the Monarch butterfly knows.

1. Why do Monarch butterflies fly to Mexico every year ?

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2. For how many months do they stay in Mexico?

3. What happens to the butterflies after they lay their eggs?

4. Fill in the blanks.

In Mexico Monarch butterflies always go to the same

and to the same

5. According to this passage what is the distance from Canada to Mexico?

Test 8

Write a paragraph about the things people do that are good and bad for the environment.
 Use about 50 to 60 words.

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**Paper II
Two hours**

Test 9

Underline the correct word that fills the blank.

- (1) Bambarakanda is the highest waterfall in Sri Lanka, with a (weight, height, length) of about 240 metres.
- (2) In the villages of the Dry Zone the village fields (hard, hardly, harder) have sufficient water for the villagers.
- (3) The banks give (loans, sums, loan) to help people in their cultivation.
- (4) For centuries man and the forest have lived in close (ownership, relationship, leadership) to each other.
- (5) Usually only a few students (success, succeed, successful) in getting admission to the universities.

Test 10

Read the following page taken from a dictionary and answer the questions given below.

<p>pett'ifogging <i>n. and adj.</i> (behaviour which is) paltry, cavilling, showing too much concern with trivial points. [petty; origin of second part uncertain.]</p> <p>petty <i>pet'i, adj.</i> 1 of small importance. 2 trivial. 3 small-minded, narrow. 4 mean:— <i>comp.</i> pett'ier; <i>superl.</i> pett'iest. pett'ily <i>adv.</i> pett'iness <i>n.</i> petty cash small sums of money paid or received, or money kept for minor expenses. petty larceny theft of money or articles of little value. petty officer a naval officer ranking with an army non-commissioned officer, or his rank (see also <i>Appendices</i>). [Fr. <i>petit</i>, little.]</p> <p>petulant <i>pet'u-lant, adj.</i> showing peevish impatience or irritation. pet'ulance <i>n.</i>, pet'ulantly <i>adv.</i> [L. <i>petul</i> <i>ns</i>—<i>pet re</i>, to seek.]</p> <p>petunia <i>pi-tū'ni-ā, n.</i> a type of tropical S. American plant with funnel-shaped flowers, related to tobacco. [South American Indian <i>petun</i>, tobacco.]</p>	<p>pew <i>pū, n.</i> an enclosed compartment or fixed bench with back in a church. [O.Fr. <i>puie</i>, balcony—L. <i>podium</i>]</p> <p>pewter <i>pūt r, n.</i> 1 an alloy or mixture of tin with e.g. lead. 2 utensils or dishes made of pewter.—Also <i>adj.</i> [O.Fr. <i>peutre</i>; conn. It and Ger. words.]</p> <p>phalanges. See phalanx.</p> <p>phalanx <i>fal'angks,fāl' n.</i> 1 a body of troops etc. in close formation. 2 a solid body of supporters (in these two senses, <i>pl.</i> phal'anxes). 3 a bone of a finger or toe (<i>pl.</i> phalanges, <i>fa-lan'jēz</i>). [Gk. <i>phalanx</i>, <i>phalangos</i>.]</p> <p>phantasy <i>fan't -si, -zi, fantasy</i>:—<i>pl.</i> phan'tasies. phan'tom <i>n.</i> 1 a ghost, apparition. 2 a vision. 3 appearance without reality. [Gk. <i>phantasma</i>, appearance—<i>phainein</i>, to show ('phantom' through O.Fr.).]</p> <p>Pharaoh <i>fā'r , n</i> (the title of) the king in ancient Egypt. [L. and Gk. <i>phara</i> Egyptian <i>pr-'o</i>, great house.]</p>
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- (1) Of what shape is the flower of a petunia plant?
- (2) Where did Pharaoh live?
- (3) Who is a petty officer?
- (4) What are the two metals found in pewter?
- (5) What is the adverb of petulant?

Test 11

Write about a job you'd like to have and a job you wouldn't like to have. Say what you would like / dislike about the job. You may use the words given in the box and any other words of your own. Write in about 50 words.

difficult

hard

interesting

salary

travel

holidays

I'd like to be

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I wouldn't like to be

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Test 12

Complete the following telephone conversation by selecting the most suitable word and writing it in the blank space. *The first one is done for you.*

A : Hello, dental surgery.

B : Hello, Is there any chance (1) *of* (of, for, to) an appointment today?

It's (2) (the, an, a) emergency.

A : Could you (3) (told, tell, telling) me exactly what the problem is?

B : Yes, I've a broken filling and (4) (its, it, it's) really uncomfortable.

I want to get it (5) (attend, attended, attending) to.

A : Well, let me see. Mr. Perera is very busy, but he might (6) (is, was, be) able to fit you in, about 5 o'clock this afternoon. Is it all right?

B : Can I come (7) (early, earlier, earliest) than that?

A : If he (8) (comes, come, coming) back from lunch early – yes,

1.30. Is (9) (that, than, then) all right?

B : Oh, that'd be great, yes.

A : Could I take (10) (up, down, over) your name, please?

B : Yes, It's Mrs Ratnayake.

A : Right. Well, thank you Mrs Ratnayake. See you (11) (in, at, to)
1.30. Goodbye.

Test 13

Following are some questions asked by an English tourist about visiting China and the answers given by a tour guide. Match the questions with their corresponding answers and write the letter of the answer in the box given against each question.

The first one is done for you.

(1) Are there many places to stay?

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(2) Do many Chinese speak English?

(3) Are there many places to eat?

(4) Is it easy to shop and where should I go?

(5) What are some good things to bring back?

(6) What are the interesting sights I should not miss?

A. Plenty. Guidebooks give addresses of major restaurants and you can ask your guide to arrange a meal in them: but you should also eat in an ordinary restaurant. The Chinese eat early, lunching at 11.30 a.m. to 12 noon, dinner from 5 p.m. onwards.

B. "The Great Wall", "The Forbidden City". There is so much to see in Beijing. You should certainly visit the Marco Polo Bridge and the Lama Temple.

C. Silks of all sorts are very cheap in China, although the selection of patterns is not always good. Silk can be bought as metres or as ready made. Jewellery of all sorts from jade and pearls also make good presents.

D. So many young people in the cities speak good English. Guides, taxi drivers, and shop keepers also speak some English.

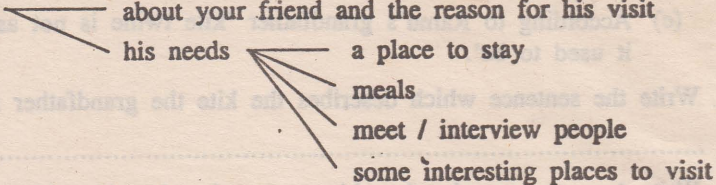
E. There are "Friendship Stores" in every city for foreigners. They sell a wide range of luxuries such as silk, jade, lacquer, leather products etc. Shopping is easier in the friendship Stores, but much more fun in the dimly-lit department stores.

F. Foreigners are encouraged to stay in the more luxurious hotels where a double room with bathroom will cost about \$ 20 a night, exclusive of food.

Test 14

Your pen friend in Germany is writing a book on "Rural Life in Asia". He is coming to Sri Lanka to collect information for his book.

Write to your uncle who lives in Mahiyanganaya requesting him to help your friend.

Tell him 

(Use about 100 words.)

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Test 15

Read the following text and answer the questions given below.

An ancient banyan which had grown through the cracks of an abandoned building was the only tree, in the street known as Gai Nath. Little Ramu's kite had caught in its branches. The boy, barefoot and clad only in a torn shirt, ran along the cobbled stones of the narrow street to where his grandfather sat, nodding dreamily in the sunshine of their back courtyard.

"Grandfather!" shouted the boy. "The kite has gone!" The old man woke from his daydream with a start. He raised his head, displaying a white beard.

"Did the twine break?" he asked. "I know that kite twine is not what it used to be."

"No, grandfather, the kite is stuck in the banyan tree."

The old man chuckled. "You have yet to learn how to fly a kite properly, my child. But I am too old to teach you and that's the pity of it. Now you shall have another." He had just finished making a new kite from bamboo, paper and thin silk, and it lay in the sun. It was a pale pink kite, with a small green tail. The old man handed it to Ramu. The boy raised himself on his toes and kissed his grandfather's hollowed-out cheek.

"I will not lose this one," he said. "This kite will fly like a bird." He turned on his heels and skipped out of the courtyard.

The old man remained dreaming in the sun. His kite-shop had gone, the premises having been sold many years ago to a junk dealer. But he still made kites for his own amusement and as playthings for his grandson, Ramu. Not many people bought kites these days. Adults disdained them and children preferred to spend their money at the movies. Moreover, there were very few open spaces left for flying kites. The city had swallowed up the green field which had stretched from the old fort walls to the river-bank.

The old man could remember a time when grown ups flew kites in the field, the kites swerving and swooping in the sky, tangling with each other, until the string of one was cut. Then the beaten but liberated kite would float away into the blue unknown.

Kite flying was then a favourite sport. The old man remembered how the villagers would gather in the river bank, to join in this pastime. In those days there was time to spend an idle hour with a gay, dancing strip of paper. Now everyone hurried in a heat of hope. Delicate things like kites and daydreams were trampled underfoot.

- (1) Say whether the following statements are true or false by writing 'T' or 'F' against each sentence.

(a) Ramu's kite got stuck in the branches of a banyan tree. (.....)

(b) When Ramu came running Ramu's grandfather was seated in the shade of the back courtyard. (.....)

(c) According to Ramu's grandfather 'kite twine is not as strong as it used to be'. (.....)

- (2) Write the sentence which describes the kite the grandfather made for Ramu.

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- (3) Write two reasons why the old man continued making kites even after losing his kite shop.

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- (4) Read the last two paragraphs. Find words which have the same meaning as the following.

(a) set free :

(b) happy :

(c) easy to break :

(d) moved quickly :

- (5) What do the following words in the text refer to?

(a) 'it' in paragraph 5 line 3 :

(b) 'he' in paragraph 7 line 2 :

Test 16

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

- (a) Today more and more women seek employment as a solution to the rising cost of living. Write an article to a newspaper on "Should Women go out to Work?".

Use the following points.

for

financial help
social opportunities
contribution to the country
if not employed wastage
of knowledge, abilities

against

neglect home affairs
money spent on domestic help, transport, clothes etc.
neglect children
work load
broken families

- (b) A teacher you like very much is to retire next month. You wish to make a speech at the farewell function but as you have been awarded a scholarship abroad you are not able to attend the function. The organizing committee has agreed to read out the speech on your behalf. Write down your speech.

Include the following:

reason for not attending the function
your gratitude to the organizing committee
the services rendered by your teacher to the students and the school
how he / she helped you overcome difficulties
your wishes for a happy retired life for your teacher

(c) Write a folk story that you have enjoyed very much.

Answers

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Some people have understood the bad effects of environmental pollution. Re-forestation campaigns are launched. School children grow flowers, vegetables and medicinal herbs they say 'No' to polythene and plastics. They protect the environment and enjoy their efforts.

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Paper - II

Answers

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| Test - 9 | 1. height
4. relationship | 2. hardly
5. succeed | 3. loans |
| Test - 10 | 1. funnel / funnel shaped
4. tin and lead | 2. in Egypt
5. petulantly | 3. a naval officer. |
| Test - 11 | 1. I would like to be a professional singer. Performing on stage, in the presence of a large audience, would be frightening. But I think it would also be interesting and satisfying. I would get a good income and also be able to travel all over the country.

2. I wouldn't like to be a police officer, because, most of the time, I will have to handle wrong doers. Clerical work, Like report writing, would be boring and difficult. Also, police officer does not have long holidays. | | |
| Test - 12 | 2. an
6. be
10. down | 3. tell
7. earlier
11. at | 4. it's
5. comes
9. that |
| Test - 13 | 2. <input type="checkbox"/> D
3. <input type="checkbox"/> A
4. <input type="checkbox"/> E
5. <input type="checkbox"/> C
6. <input type="checkbox"/> B | | |

Test - 14

No.07, Ambillawatta Road,
Rukumalagama.
22.12.2001

Dear Uncle,

How are you getting on? I am fine. I'm writing this letter for a special reason. I have a pen friend in Germany. he is Smith Grant. He is very interested in reading and writing. He has written quite a lot of books and this time he is writing a book on "Rural Life in Asia". He's coming to Sri Lanka next month to collect information. As you are living in Mahiyanganaya. I think you can help him a lot.

He needs a place to stay and meals. He prepare a place which is very close to a rural village. So that he can meet and interview the villagers to get information about their lives. If you are free, please make some arrangements to visit some interesting places like the village the veddas stay, the Mahiyanganaya temple. Show him the small industries the villagers engage in. Please help him to make his book an interesting one. Thankyou very much. Give my kind regards to aunt and sister.

With love,
Sharu.

Test - 15 1. (a) T

(b) F

(c) T

2. It was a pale pink kite with a small green tail.

3. (1) For his own amusement.

(2) as playthings for his grandson / Ramu.

4. (a) liberated

(b) gay

(c) delicate

(d) hurried

5. (a) new kite / pale pink kite.

(b) the old man / Ramu's grandfather.

Test - 16

"Should women go out to work"

In today's society, more women go out to work. This situation has given rise to many social, economic and cultural issues. Some of them are advantages, while others are disadvantages.

The most common reason for women going out to work is to supplement the family income, with the rising cost of living, a family needs additional income. Working women, therefore, contribute to the well-being of their families. Also, as more girls get a good education, today being employed provides them with an opportunity to contribute meaningfully towards national development. This in turn, enables them to further their own educational and professional development and become responsible and respected members of society. If educated women were not gainfully employed, the country could not benefit by this knowledge or skills. This can be considered as a waste of human resources.

However when women, especially mothers go out to work, many social and cultural problems arise. As the women's workload increases, home affairs, such as looking after the children and elderly family members get neglected. Children and adolescents, who left alone at home, without the protection and guidance of the mother, face many dangers, which often affect their physical and emotional wellbeing. Neglected home affairs is the major cause for broken families, which have a negative impact on the whole society. In addition, it can be argued that the additional income earned by women is insignificant, as most of it would be spent on domestic help, transport and extra clothes.

In the present world, more and more women find employment at the end of school career. Eventually, working women pose a problem to family life, an educated woman should have the capacity and the wisdom to achieve a balance between her professional career and family life, thereby fulfilling her duty to herself and the world.



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Paper I

One hour

1. Complete the following posters by selecting the most suitable word group. Write the number of the poster near the word group. The first one is done for you.

Breeze
Coiling Fans

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TO
all
'Bird Watchers'

2

Use
'Wonder'
bar soap

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Think of your
Environment
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4

EAT
GREEN
VEGETABLES.....

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Learn the
Highway
code.....

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and keep yourself fit

be safe on the road

make you feel cool

re - use your polythene bags

for cleaner clothes

buy your cameras and binoculars

2. 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.

1. I've already booked the train.

A: Hello.

B: 5

2. No, I'm at Delhi University.

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

B:

3. Not really. I'm studying here.

A: So you're a tourist here?

B:

4. Do you speak Hindi?

A: Are you a student at Madras University?

B:

5. Hello.

A: How will you travel to Delhi?

B:

6. No, I'm from Sri Lanka.

A:

B: Yes, I do.

3. Match each word with the right explanation and write sentences with a / an. The first one is done for you.

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| 1. carrot | line of people |
| 2. violin | fruit |
| 3. queue | vegetable |
| 4. apple | answer to a question |
| 5. eraser | musical instrument |
| 6. solution | piece of rubber |

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| 1. | A carrot is a vegetable. |
| 2. | |
| 3. | |
| 4. | |
| 5. | |
| 6. | |

4. Read the following titles of book.

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| a. | Gardening : A Profitable Hobby |
| b. | Teach yourself Computers |
| c. | Physical Fitness |
| d. | 100 Funny Stories |
| e. | Paddy Cultivation and Ancient Tanks |
| f. | Keeping Pets - A Health Guide |

Now read what each person is interested in reading. Write the letter of the book in the box given. The first one is done for you.

- Saman wants to know how to keep his dog healthy.
 Razika is interested in growing plants and selling them.
 Nizam loves to read anything he can laugh at.
 Inoka wants to be a Secretary of a company.
 Gamini wants to learn about agriculture and irrigation systems.
 Ratnam wants to learn how to keep his body healthy.

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5. Read the following text and answer the questions given below.

The sea horse is not a horse but a fish, and an extremely strange one. It has a distinct neck and a movable head and it swims upright through the water, rapidly moving its single dorsal, or back fin.

Sea horses live in tropical and temperate (fairly warm) seas amid seaweed, clinging to it with their tails. They usually feed on the tiny crustaceans (crabs, lobsters and barnacles) that crawl about on the seaweed.

One of the oddest things about sea horses is the way they bring up their young. The female lays its eggs in a pouch on the belly of the male and he then carries the eggs about with him until they hatch.

- What is a sea horse?
- What helps sea horses to cling to seaweed?
- Write down one of the oddest things about sea horses.
- Where does the female sea horse lay her eggs?
- Find a word from the text for the following phrase :
can be moved

6. Read the following notice.

Lost

Has anyone seen my Oxford Dictionary? I lost it when I came to Pubudu Vidyalaya for the English Day programme. My name is written on it. Please return it to me.

Sanjeeva
 Grade 11 C
 Saman vidyalaya

You are a student of Pubudu Vidyalaya. You found the dictionary and it's now with you. Write a reply to Sanjeeva.

Include the following :

Tell Sanjeeva : Where you found the book
 what you did (e.g. looked for the owner
 you want to return it.

Ask Sanjeeva to meet you.

Give a time and place to meet.

(Use about 30 words)

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7. You cannot come for English Day Drama practices due to the following reasons.

a high temperature

a pain in your arm

Write a note to your friend.

Explain — the reasons for not being able to go
the need to — see a doctor
rest at home.

Request your friend to tell the teacher. (Use about 30-40 words.)

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8. Your Art teacher took you to see an Art and Handicraft exhibition at the Art Gallery in your town. Write a paragraph about this exhibition to be put up on the class notice board.

Including following :

- where the exhibition was held
- a small description about the paintings and the handicrafts
- the exhibits you liked very much (Use about 50 words)

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Paper II

Two hours

9. Read the following poem and answer the questions given below.

A GIPSY BOY

A gipsy boy I'd like to be
And roam all day as free as free.
I'd whistle like a little bird,
For miles around it would be heard.

I could climb a tree just like a cat;
In my pocket I'd keep a rat.
My home would be a caravan
My food I should cook in frying pan.

My clothes would be both ragged and worn,
And my hair all rough and badly shorn.
That would be the life for me!
A gipsy boy I'd like to be.

- (1) What does 'it' in line four refer to?
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- (2) Where would the gipsy boy keep a rat?
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- (3) Where does the gipsy boy like to live?
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- (4) Write two things the poet would do as a gipsy boy.
(i)
(ii)

10. Read the following notice taken from a newspaper and answer the questions given below.

FOODEX - 2001
Food Trade Fair
From 13th - 16th February 2001, Tokyo, Japan.
The Export Promotion Board (EPB)
is calling applications from persons interested in promoting the sale of the following items at Foodex 2001.

-	fruits and vegetables	(jams, chutneys, pickles, and sauces)
-	tea	(green, herbal, instant)
-	coconut product	(sweets, milk powder)
-	food items packed as gifts	(gift packs)

Applications should be made on the prescribed form available at the Colombo Office and the following provincial offices of the EPB

-	Central Province,	First Cross street, Kandy.
-	North Western Province,	Hiriyaya Road, Kurunagala.
-	Southern Province,	Devasiri Mawatha, Galle.

The completed application form should be sent under registered cover to reach

**The Director,
Export Agriculture Division,
Sumana Mawatha,
Colombo 2.**

on or before 20th December 2000.

CHAIRMAN
EPB.

- (1) What is Foodex 2001?
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- (2) At how many offices can you get the prescribed application form?
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- (3) What coconut products can be sold at the Foodex 2001?
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- (4) To whom should the applications be sent?
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- (5) What should go into gift packs?
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11. Fill in the blanks using the words given in the list below. There are two extra words

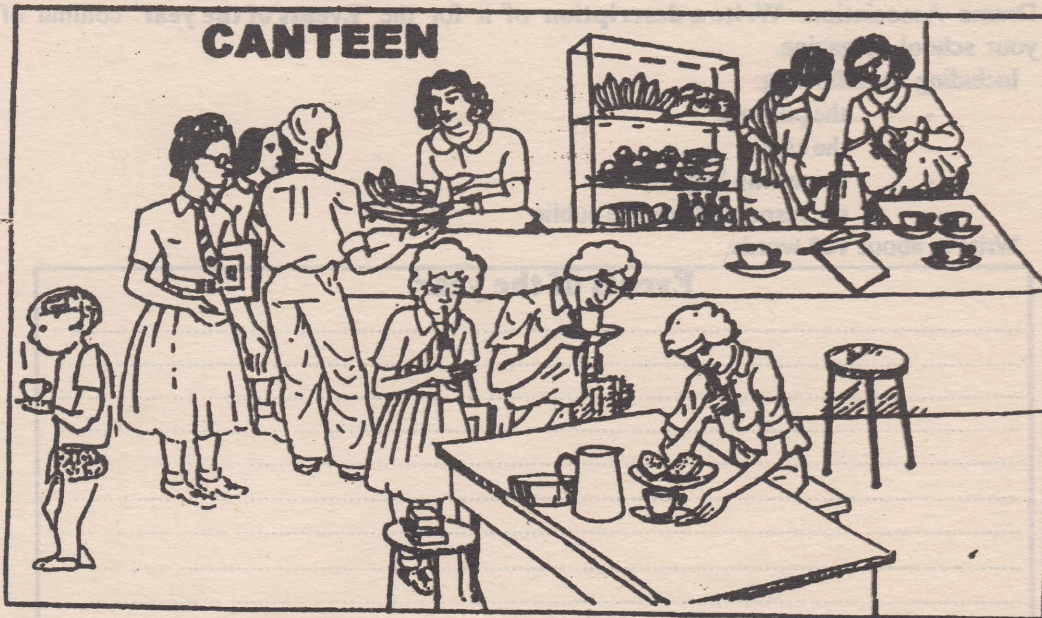
Like human beings some animals know how to use tools. The Chimpanzees use sticks to break (1)..... ant or termite nests. These (2)..... animals also chew leaves and (3)..... them into hollow trees. The (4)..... act as sponges and store (5)..... for drinking.

The vultures pick (6)..... stones with their bills and (7)..... them at ostrich eggs. They (8)..... this until the eggs break.

(9)..... elephants use a special kind (10)..... tool when training their young. With an uprooted tree they spank the baby elephant to make in behave.

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poke leaves water throw of work

12. Here is picture of a school canteen during the interval. Write five sentences about it.



- (1)
(2)
(3)
(4)
(5)

13. Your School Co-operative Society wants to buy stationery items to sell at the co-operative stall. As the Secretary of the Society write a letter to a dealer inquiring about the supply of stationery.

- state the purpose
- give a list of stationery required e.g. pens, pencils
- request for a reasonable discount

Write in about 100 words.

Fill in the blanks using the words given in the list below. There are two extra words.

Like human beings, some animals know how to use tools. The
(1) chimpanzees use sticks to break (2) ant or termite nests. These (3)
animals also chew leaves and (4) them into
hollow trees. The (5) act as sponges and store (6)
for drinking.

The vultures pick (7) stones with their bills and (8)
them at ostrich eggs. They (9) break
their young with an uprooted tree. They spank the baby elephant to
make it behave.

to open the water leaves poke
up clear do the water leaves work

14. Last month the students of your school staged a drama - **The Merchant of Venice** for the purpose of collecting money to put up a science laboratory. You are the President of the Drama Association. Write a description of it for the 'Events of the year' column of your school magazine.

Including the following:

- the purpose
- the cast
- those who helped
- the response from the public

Write in about 100 words.

Events of the year.

Events of the year.

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

(4) _____

(5) _____

15. Read the following text and answer the questions given below.

For most people the word literature means books and reading. But there was a time when there were almost no books because there were no printing presses.

People learned the tales of good story - tellers and later retold the same tales with a few additions and trimmings of their own. They sang the folk songs they had learned by ear. Mothers sang old lullabies to their babies and repeated old nursery rhymes - the same ones their mothers had taught them. At work men and women chanted old songs, that paced the rhythm of their boeing or wood chopping or rowing.

These tales, rhymes and songs made up the literature of people who had few books. There was an oral literature, that is, a literature that was spoken or sung

In the days before printed books - long before radio and television - the human voice was the chief instrument for the spread of literature. In one household, the grandmother might be the one who entertained with the old tales as she remembered them. In another it might be a visitor from a nearby town who brought news and told stories as he had heard them in his community

Travelling storytellers or minstrels would gather stories and songs as they went about the countryside. Then in an open place in a village, they would put on their entertainment for young and old. Often the tales and songs had repeated lines that the audience would chime in on.

- (1) When people retold stories they added things of their own. Write the phrase from the text which gives that meaning.
- (2) According to the text how did people learn folk songs?
- (3) At a time when there were no books, radio or television what was the chief method used by people to spread literature?
- (4) Find the word in the text which means much the same as the following:
 - i. People who live in particular area or place
 - ii. Repeated over and over again
- (5) Where did the storyteller entertain the people in the village?

16. Write on one of the following in about 250 - 300 words.

Either

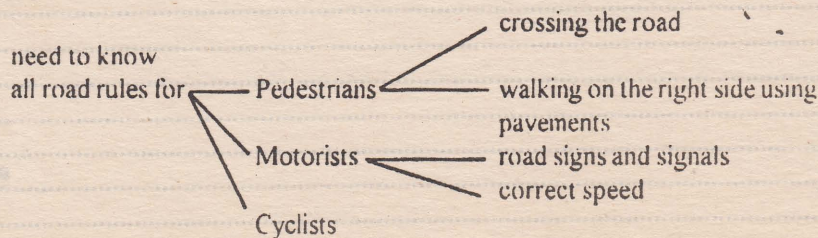
- (a) The elephants in Sri Lanka are decreasing in numbers. Write an article to a newspaper on 'The Wild Elephants of Sri Lanka'.

Use the following points in your article.

- reasons for the decrease in numbers
- killing for tusks, protection of cultivations, clearing of forests
- methods of protecting elephants
- prohibiting people from entering reserved areas
- taking action against hunters
- mountaining forest areas
- setting up orphanages
- raising public awareness through media - newspapers, radio, TV

Or

- (b) You are asked to make a speech in English to the students of Grade Eight in your school. The topic is 'Road Safety'. Write the speech using the following guidelines.



Or


- (c) A vacant piece of land in your village / town is to be taken over by a company to put up a chemical factory. Write an article to newspaper explaining the good and bad effects of this proposal on


- the environment
- the life of villagers
- unemployment problem

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PAPER I

ANSWER

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| <p>1. 5</p> <p>..... </p> <p>..... 3</p> | <p>..... 6</p> <p>..... 4</p> <p>..... 2</p> |
|--|--|

2. A:
- B: 
- A:
- B: 6
- A:
- B: 3
- A:
- B: 2
- A:
- B: 1
- A: 4
- B:

3. 1. A carrot is a vegetable.
2. A violin is a musical instrument.
3. A Queue is a line of people.
4. An apple is a fruit.
5. An eraser is a piece of rubber.
6. A solution is an answer to a question.

4. 
- a
- d
- b
- e
- c

5. 1. a fish
2. their tails
3. the way they bring up their young
4. in a pouch on the body of the male
5. movable

6.

Dear Sanjeeva,

I found your oxford dictionary on a desks in our classroom. I saw your name on it and I looked for you everywhere. Unfortunately I couldn't find you. Now the book is with me and I would like to return it to you as soon as possible. So do you meet me tomorrow(3rd December) at 2.30 p.m. near our school gate. I will be waiting for you.

with love
Sharujan.

7.

Dear Rajan,

I Wan't be able to come for English Day drama practices as I have a high temperature and a severe pain in my arm. My mother thinks I should see a doctor and rest at home for a few days. Please tell our teacher that I am not well.

with love
Tharshan.

8.

Recently we went to see an Art and Handicraft exhibition at the Art Gallery. There were oil as well as water colour paintings. There were beautiful sceneries and portraits. They had used a lot a recycled materials to make the handicrafts like wall hangings greeting cards, purses and masks. I really liked the water colour paintings of rural scenes.

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PAPER II
ANSWERS

9. 1. Whistle.
 2. in his pocket
 3. in a caravan
 4. roam all day / whistle like a bird
 climb a tree like a cat
 keep a rat in the pocket
 cook in a frying pan

10. 1. Food Trade Fair
 3. sweets, milk powder
 5. food items
 2. four / 4
 4. the director

11. 1. open
 5. water
 9. The
 2. clever
 6. up
 10. of
 3. poke
 7. throw
 4. leaves
 8. do

12. 1. As it is the interval the canteen looks very busy.
 2. A young boy is carefully carrying his hot cup of tea.
 3. Some students are waiting impatiently for their food.
 4. The shelves of the display cabinet are filled with tasty food.
 5. One boy is having a meal seated at the table.

13.

Co-operative Society
Hindu College,
Colombo - 04.
16.12.2000.

The Manager,
Astan stationery Dealers,
Colombo - 06.

Dear Sir,

Purchasing of stationery

We need to purchase the following stationery items to sell at our school
Co-operative stall.

1.	Monitor Exercise Books - 160 pages (Single Rule)	-	200
2.	Drawing Books.	-	100
3.	A4 paper	-	5 pks
4.	Pens (Black, Blue and Red)	-	500
5.	Pencils	-	100
6.	Rulers	-	75

We would be much obliged if you could give us a reasonable discount since it would enable us to sell the items to the students at a lesser price.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully.

L. Prashanth.
(Secretary, school Co-operative society.)

14.

Events of the year

Last month the Drama Association staged "The Merchant of Venice" to collect funds to build a science laboratory for our school. Many members of the Drama Association were in the cast. Those who did the main roles of Portia, Antonia, Basanio acted extremely well. But it was the role of shylock that captured the attention of the audience. The credit for the success of the drama should also be attributed to our English teacher, music teacher and the Principal who helped and advised us throughout the production and the staging up the drama. The imaginative and colourful costumes were provided by the parents. The extremely positive response of the audience contributed greatly towards the inspired performance of the cast. We are glad that the Drama Association was able to raise funds and provide an opportunity for the students to display their talents.

15.
 1. With a few additions and trimmings (of their own)
 2. by ear / by listening
 3. human voice
 4.
 - i. community
 - ii. chanted
 5. in an open place

The Wild Elephants in Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka is rich in wild life. It is one of our greatest natural resources. The most important animal in our jungle is the elephant. Now the elephant population is dwindling. The main danger to the elephants is the human and the increasing need by him.

The ever increasing rate of elephants killed in Sri Lanka has shot up to a higher level mostly elephants are killed for their tusks for ivory. The other reason is clearing the jungles. When jungles are cleared for agriculture and for human settlement the elephants have to face death or leave their natural habitat. Some time they stumble into the chenas and destroy the crops. So the farmers are forced to kill them in order to protect their cultivations. Some times they are hunted for sports by unscrupulous hunters.

Due to these various reasons there are just about 2000 elephants in our jungle today mankind has been increasing and becoming more skilled at killing animals. The elephants are poached even in the reserved areas. The Department of wild life conservation must take action to prohibit people from entering reserved areas. Protection by law must be stricter. The unprincipled hunter must be punished and the punishment must be a warning to others.

It is a heart wrenching to think about the baby elephants who are alone mainly because their mothers were dead, or they were badly injured and left behind their herd. Now there are orphanages for these elephants. Some more orphanages must be established.

For a country that is supposed to value elephants as part of its proud national heritage this destruction of elephants should be considered a national crisis.

Hope our Government would take a timely action to stop this merciless killing of majestic animals and protect them.

(b)

Road Safety

Dear students,

I am so happy to get a chance to give you a speech about 'Road safety'.

It is important that all of us must know about the road safety. Thousands of people are killed every day on roads throughout the world. Some people suffer a worse fate. They have to live out the rest of their life without an arm or leg or in a wheelchair.

A speeding vehicle is a dangerous weapon. While crossing the road use the pedestrian crossings, look both ways. Keep your eyes and ears open all the time look to the right when crossing the first half of the road, because you know all the vehicles keep to the left so they will come on your right look to the left when crossing the second half as the vehicles are coming from your left. Give the driver enough time to stop or slow down before you cross. Cross the road quickly but don't run.

Walk on the pavement if there isn't a pavement walk on the right hand of the road. Never play on the roads. When you get on or off a bus wait until it stops. Step off with your left foot. If you step off with your right foot you may fall.

Both motorists and cyclist must keep their vehicle in good condition. Not only motorist and cyclists but also the pedestrians must know the road signals. Many drivers think that the road is a road track. Young drivers particularly like to drive beyond the safe limit. They often involve innocent people in accident.

When they drive they must keep to the left. They must concentrate their mind only on driving. They mustn't drive when they are drunk. When children or elders cross the road they must give their enough time to cross.

Then there are the cyclist who think the road is meant only for them. They cycle carelessly three or four abreast. They are practically inviting the motor vehicles to run them down.

A motorist must wear a seat belt as well as a cyclist must wear a helmet.

For all these time I have told you about the road safety. I am sure that you have understood it and obey the road rules. To make the road safer the government and the public must co-operate. Better roads and safer driving save lives.

I am grateful to you for listening my speech patiently and care fully. Thank you.

(c)

A vacant piece of land in the middle of our village is to be taken by a company.

Mine is a village which is surrounded by fields and troves. Our villagers enjoy the fresh pure air. We don't want to spoil the freshness of the air, polluted by the factory waste.

We are afraid of the decision to build a chemical factory as we think it will cause more destruction than development. Even though the officials convince the people of our area that the negative out put from the factory will be minor. We are threatened by the impacts on the environment made by the previous projects.

This vacant land is occupied by the homeless in our village. They have been asked to vacate the place. But the people have nowhere to go.

But there are some advantages in this project. Most of the young men in our village are jobless. Although our village economy depends on cultivation the youngsters like to find jobs in companies or factories. So the new factory will give them an opportunity to get jobs in their own village. So this will be a solution for the unemployment problem.

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PAPER I

one hour

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS ON THIS PAPER ITSELF

1. Read the following description. Then complete the table given below.

Social Workers

The Sunday Radio programme on "Sports News" will interview three persons this week. They are Dr. Wimal Gunaratne who is the Director of the Sports Council in South Asia, Mrs. Kamala Wijesena the Sports Officer of the Ministry of Sports and Mr. Ravi Perumal who works as the Secretary of the Colombo Youth Centre.

NAME	JOB	PLACE OF WORK
Dr. Wimal Gunaratne	Sports Council in South Asia
.....	Ministry of Sports
Mr. Ravi Perumal

2. Match the questions with the answers. Write the number of the answer in the box.
The first one is done for you.

Questions

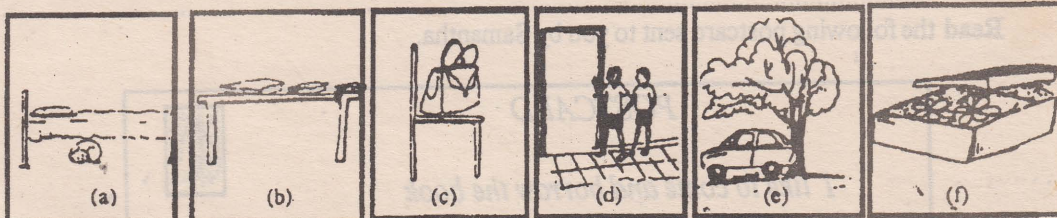
How are you ?
 Did you sleep well?
 Would you like some coffee?
 What would you have for breakfast?
 What time are you leaving today?
 Are you taking the bus?

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Answers

1. Some string hoppers and curry.
2. No, I'll go by train.
3. I'm fine, thank you.
4. No, a cup of tea, please.
5. By half past seven.
6. Yes, I slept like a log.

3. Write a sentence about each picture. Begin your sentence with the words "There is" or "There are....." *First one is done for you.*



- Example:*
- (a) There is a cat under the bed.
- (b)
- (c)
- (d)
- (e)
- (f)

04. Read what six students of Saman Vidyalaya want to do.

NAMES OF STUDENTS

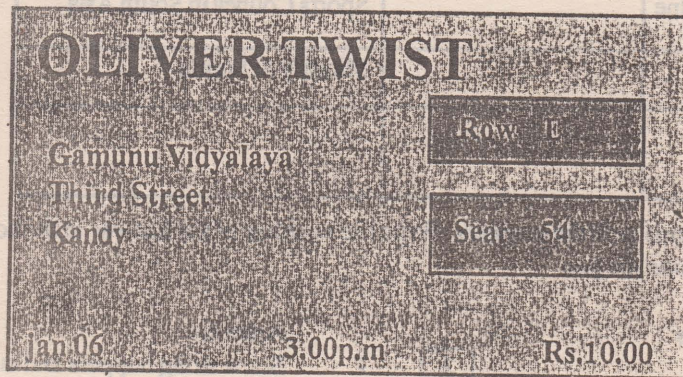
WHAT THEY WANT TO DO

Sampath	--	use a computer
Rajini	--	become a singer
Anver	--	enter a university
Sandun	--	go to Germany
Lalani	--	start a farm
Vijaya	--	drive a car

Now find what the students have to do to get what they want. write the names of the students in the spaces given. look at the example.

Example :	(a)	follow a course	-	.....Sampath.....
	(b)	get a passport	-	.....
	(c)	pass the A/L examination	-	.....
	(d)	get a licence	-	.....
	(e)	buy some land	-	.....
	(f)	attend a music class	-	.....

5. There is a film show at Gamunu Vidyalaya. you bought this ticket for your friend.



write a note to your friend

- Invite him / her to the film show
- Give all the information. Don't write the cost of the ticket. (Use about 30 words.)

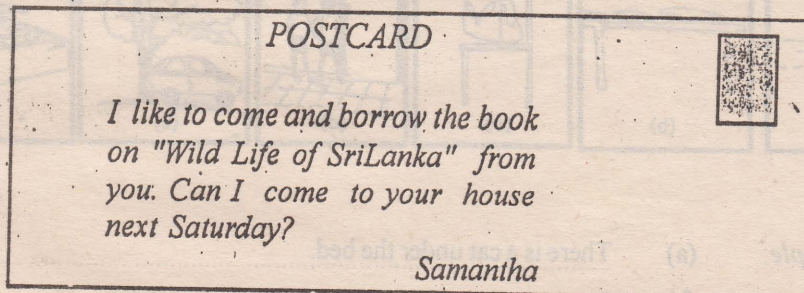
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6. Read the following postcard sent to you by Samantha.



Write a reply to Samantha on a postcard.

- say you cannot meet because you have to take part in a "Shramadana Campaign". (Mention the place and the type of work.)
- Ask Samantha to come on another day. (use about 30- 40 words)

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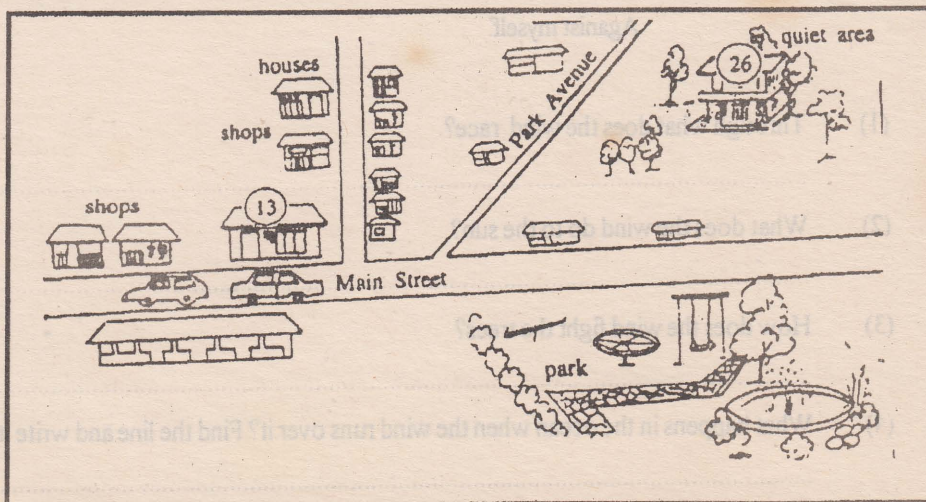
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7. Read the following text and answer the questions given below.

A Bird which cannot fly

The largest bird in the world is the ostrich, which lives in Africa. A fully grown male ostrich is about 2.4 metres tall. It weight about 130 kilograms. An ostrich cannot fly but it can run very fast. When going at full speed it can cover a distance of about 65 kilometres in an hour. The food of an ostrich is plants and some insects. Sometimes it swallows hard things, such as stones which help in digesting its food.

- (1) Where does the largest bird in the world live?
 - (2) (a) The height of a fully grown male ostrich is about
 - (b) The weight of a fully grown male ostrich is about
 - (3) How fast can an ostrich run?
 - (4) What does an ostrich eat?
 - (5) Why does an ostrich swallow stones?
8. Your parents are going to rent a house in the town. They have found two houses. One is No. 13 and the other is NO.26. Write to your uncle / aunt about the two houses. Write in About 50 words. (use the map given below.)
- Tell him / her where the houses are.
 - Give a description about the surroundings and the houses.
 - Say which house you like and why.



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PAPER II

TWO HOURS

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS ON THIS PAPER ITSELF

9. Read the following poem and answer the questions given below.

I AM THE WIND

I am the wind
Running a reckless race
Through the town and countryside,
Over the hills, across the fields.
Over the ocean, beside rivers.
Blowing clouds across Sun's face,
Buffeting birds flying home.
I fight the trees, taking away
Their covering of leaves,
Stealing boats and filling the sails
of a Sailing yacht.
I am the wind running a reckless race
Against myself.

- (1) Through what does the wind race?
.....
- (2) What does the wind do to the sun?
.....
- (3) How does the wind fight the trees?
.....
- (4) What happens in the ocean when the wind runs over it? Find the line and write it.
.....
- (5) Underline the correct sentence:
The wind is running with the birds.
The wind is running against its own self.
The wind is running with myself.

10. Read the following text and answer the questions.

Developing Young Talents

While waiting for G.C.E. (O/L) results do you wish to spend your time in a useful manner?

We offer you the following study courses :

- | | | | |
|----|-----------------|---|-----------------------|
| 1. | Dressmaking | - | for females only |
| 2. | Flowermaking | - | for females only |
| 3. | Printing | - | for males and females |
| 4. | Computer skills | - | for males and females |
| 5. | House wiring | - | for males only |

All Classes will be conducted during **weekends** at the following centres:

Colombo, Matara, Kandy, Kurunegala,
Anuradhapura, Bandarawela, Trincomalee

Duration : 3 months (starting in January, 2000)

Course fees : Rs. 250/- per month

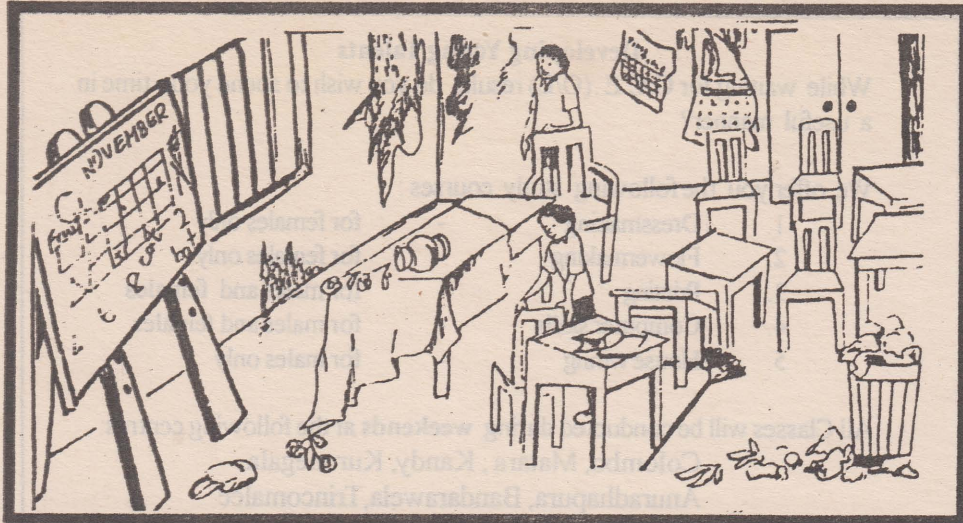
Reference manuals will be given free.

(5% discount on full payment)

Applicants should be within the age group of 16 -25.

Apply before 07.12.99 to : Director, training,
Vocational Training Institute,
17, Havelock Road,
Colombo 3.

- (1) How many study courses are available for girls?
.....
- (2) On which days of the week are the classes conducted?
.....
- (3) What courses can be followed by both girls and boys?
.....
- (4) In which month will the Courses end?
.....
- (5) How can you get a discount of 5%?
.....
11. Fill in the blanks using the words in the list below. there are two extra words. *
- Do you work to a timetable? At school the answer will be "yes" since (1)
have a class timetable (2) you which subject to (3) at a
particular time. (4) you work to a (5) at other times
too? That is in the (6) at weekends or during (7) If you
don't, write (8) list of all the (9) you
have to do (10) week - homework, preparation for tests etc. Then
divide up the time. Leave some time for activities that you really enjoy doing.
- a do evenings holidays is out
- study telling this timetable work you



- (1)
- (2)
- (3)
- (4)
- (5)

- (2)

- (3)

- (4) _____

- (5)

13. You are the secretary of the school welfare society. The society is interested in developing class libraries. Write a letter to the Director, Social Services in your area
- explaining your need
 - mentioning the type of books and magazines the children would like to read and
 - asking for support.

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- asking for support.

Write in about 100 words.

14. Due to heavy rains it was decided to postpone the annual Cricket/ Netball match between your school and the neighbouring school. You as the prefect of sports have to make an announcement to inform everybody concerned. Write the announcement in about 100 words.

Include the following:

- explain your decision giving reasons
- give the new date and the venue for the match
- apologise for the changes made
- invite everybody to be present

Announcement

15. **Read** the following text and **answer** the questions given below.

1. Plastics which is totally artificial cause many environmental problems today. Plastics are mainly derived from petroleum and natural gas derivatives. A wide range of additives are used in the plastic processing industry so that the desired characters such as flexibility, colour, resistance to microbes etc. could be obtained in the final product.

2. The plastic material buried in the soil will lead to soil infertility. When it rains, these buried material could be carried into the waterways perhaps interrupting its smooth flow of water. The overflow of water experienced in urban areas (roads etc.) during a heavy shower is often due to the obstructions in the drainage system caused by these plastic waste materials.

3. It is ironic that the same properties of plastic that lead to its success - resistance to both water and chemical aggression - have created environmental concerns. currently neither a developed nor a developing nation has so far found a perfect solution to this problem. The available options to curb this problem are outright banning of plastics, burning, restricting the import and use of raw material and finished products through the operation of proper legal and fiscal measures.

4. With the introduction of a consumer life style in Sri lanka, the quantity of discarded plastics has increased, thereby creating a serious problem th the entire country. In order to resolve this problem the government has stepped in by giving the needed facility to establish a plastic waste recycling plant in Sri lanka.

5. In order to ensure the success of a plastic waste recycling process there are three major factors that should be considered. They are:

- (a) efficient collection of discarded plastics
- (b) technology to convert the discarded plastics into new product.
- (c) improvement and organization of marketability of the recycled final product.

However, we need to encourage recycling of plastic waste generated locally.

(1) What is used to obtain flexibility and colour in plastic goods?

(2) What environmental problems are caused by plastics? Mention two.

(3) What qualities of plastics have led to its success as an industry?

(4) How does Sri lanka hope to deal-with the problem caused by plastic waste?

(5) Find words from paragraphs 4 and 5 which are very much similar to the words/phrases given below.

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|------------------|------------------------|
| (a) amount | (b) make certain |
| (c) change | (d) produced |

(a) A **speech** that you wish to make at your school English Literary Association Meeting on "Good Health Habits"

- creating healthy environment in home and school, growing trees, flowers etc
- taking healthy food
- need for regular exercises

(b) An account on "My Idea of a Good Teacher"

- qualities that you expect
- abilities and knowledge
- manners, way of living

(c) "Animals should not be kept in Zoos." Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Say why you agree or disagree.

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PAPER I
ANSWERS

NAME	JOB	PLACE OF WORK
Dr. Wimal Gunaratne	Director	Sports Council in South Asia
Mrs. Kamala Wijesena Mrs. K. Wijesena	Sports Officer	Ministry of Sports
Mr. Ravi Perumal	Secretary	Colombo youth Centre

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- | | |
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| 6 | Yes, I slept like a log |
| 4 | No, a cup of tea. please. |
| 1 | Some string hoppers and curry. |
| 5 | By half past seven. |
| 2 | No, I'll go by train. |

- 3.
- (b) There are three /3/ some/ books on the table/ There are books on the table.
(c) There is a bag / handbag on the chair.
(d) There are two boys / children at / near/ in front of the door.
(e) There is a car near / in front of/ under the tree.
(f) There are two flowers in the box / There is a cake in the box.

- 4.
- (b) Sandun
(c) Anver
(d) Vijaya
(e) Lalani
(f) Rajini

5. My Dear Kanchana,

I invite you to see the film 'Oliver Twist' with me at Gamuna Vidyalaya in Kandy on the 06th of January at 3.00p.m. I have bought tickets for both of us as our self are No.54 and No.55 at Row E. please accept my invitation

Sanjeewa

6. Dear Samantha,

I received your postcard but I am sorry to say that I can't meet you on that day as I have to participate in a shramadana campaign in our school to clean the school grounds. Please come and borrow the book on the unduwap poyaday.

Anjana

- 7.
1. In Africa
2. (a) 2.4 metres (b) 130 Kilograms
3. 65 Kilometres in an hour
4. plants and some insects
5. they help in digesting its food

8.12.99

8.

My Dear uncle

My parents are going to rent a house in the town. They have found two houses. One is No.13, Main Street. As it is in the centre of the town there are many shops, schools and a park near by. But I prefer the second house which is an No.26, park Avenue. That is upstairs house. It has a large garden. I think that I can do my studies well at that place, because of the peacefull surroundings.

Sameera

9.

- (1) The town and countryside
- (2) blows clouds across its / Sun's face
- (3) by / taking away their covering of leaves
- (4) Stealing boats and filling the sails of a sailing yacht.
- (5) The wind is running against its own self

10.

- (1) four
- (2) Saturdays and Sundays
- (3) printing, computer skills
- (4) March
- (5) on full payment / by paying the full amount

11.

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|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------|
| (1) you | (2) telling | (3) study | (4) Do |
| (5) timetable | (6) evenings | (7) holidays | (8) a |
| (9) work | (10) this | | |

12.

1. Furniture should be arranged properly
2. The room should be cleaned and arranged
3. The room has been not swept for a long time
4. The dust bin must be cleaned and kept in the room
5. The Black board has been not cleaned for a long time

13.

The Director,
Social Services Association,
Gampaha

The Secretary,
Welfare Society,
Gamunu vidyalaya,
Gampaha.
08.12.99

Dear Sir,

Developing Class Libraries

I am writing this letter to inform you most sincerety that the welfare society of Gamunu Vidyalaya has decided to devolpe the class libraries of the school It is felt that, has will help a lot to improve the knowledge of the children with regard to the subjects they study . we are hopping to develope the english knowledge of the students too. so English magazines and grammer books will be needed the children like to read story books and science fictions too. so we kindly request you to support us, to carry out this project . we will be glad if you -can supply us with the required books and the magazine.

We hope you will consider our request favourably. please be kind enough to let us know your decision soon thanking you

yours faithfully

Seetha

14.

Announcement

The annual Net ball match that was to be held on 13th of December at the school residence, between our school and the Gampaha Central College has been postponed due to heavy rains for two weeks . The new date and the venue are as follows

Date: 27th of December 1999 (from 2.00p.m - 4.00p.m)

Venue: At the netball Court of Gampaha Central college

As the prefect of Sports, I apologise for the inconvenience caused and for the changes made, on behalf of the whole school.

I am glad to invite you all, to be present at the netball court of Gampaha Central College on 27th of December at 2.00p.m. Thank you

Ravi

(The principal)

(prefect of sports)

15. 1. additives
2. soil infertility
interrupting the smooth flow of water in waterways,
obstructions in the drainage system
3. resistance to both water and chemical aggression
4. by establishing a plastic waste recycling plant
5. (a) quantity (b) ensure (c) convert (d) generated

16. **'GOOD HEALTH HABBITS'**

In everyday life we see people who live in many different ways. some clean, some dirty, and some who got both of these qualities. But everyone should learn to stay clean and of course healthily.

Creating a healthy environment in home and school is sufficient. This healthy environment can be made by growing plants around your home and putting out things such as plastic wrappers and old tyres. These things pollute not only your home but the whole environment. you can grow even flowers and plants that can be useful, such as mango. These Kinds of trees even makes your garden beautiful and they also such up unhealthy gases such as Carbondioxide.

Creating a healthy environment in your school is the easiest you can organize a shramadana campaign and grow trees around the school. You can clean up the whole school easily. If you can advise and make the children not to throw plastic bags and cups everywhere and advise them to put them in proper places you can easily create a healthy environment at your school as well as your own home.

Taking healthy food is another essential thing. Infact it is the most important. You should always eat the very best of food. You must always wash fruits before you eat and must eat nutritious foods everytime you eat carbohydrates, proteins. Minerals are needed to provide your body with energy and that is why you must take nutritious foods and healthy foods not only to keep you fit but also to keep you healthy.

'Working out' or exercising is another important thing if you have to stay healthy and fit exercising means not only running and weight lifting. You have to do a sport Because sports keeps the body in good shape and it helps you to stay healthy by burning fat and reducing the fatty tissue inside our body. This keeps us healthy because it prevents us by being fat.

Exercising a good healthy environment and mostly healthy food is essential to a healthy body and by doing these habits everyone will have a great healthy life.

ANIMALS SHOULD NOT BE KEPT IN ZOOS

I do disagree, with the idea that animals should not be kept in zoos. Zoos are educative for young and old. By visiting a zoo, one can educate himself or her self. Therefore animals should be kept in zoos.

Zoos are found in almost all countries and they are very popular and educative to people young and old. flock to see the zoos it is very educative, especially for the young. They learn a lot about the animals and their behaviours. Therefore the zoos are not only educative but also informative to people many especially the children, they would have seen these wild animals, only in pictures and television. But seeing these animals in life is wonderful and entertainment, one can achieve this, Only by taking the children to the zoological garden.

When children see the wild animals in front of them, they get excited and also pleased. They will also be pleased to feed them too.

Some animals are found only in particular countries and no where and else. Such animals can be seen, only in the Zoos. Some animals, if not protected, tend to become extinct. But in zoos, they can be protected and brought up. They can be also bred successfully in the Zoos.

Therefore, zoos can be a place for animals, where they could be looked after well. For the above reasons, I request that the animals should be kept in zoos to enable people to watch, educate and entertain them selves.

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My idea of a good teacher is that he should be an example to the teaching profession. He should be a teacher of standing and an embodiment of good characters and knowledge.

A teacher should be a gentleman of high understanding and he should love his students to the utmost level. He should treat his students as his own children. He should stand out, but also train them to become decent citizens of this country. A good teacher should treat his students importantly and guide them to become cultured men.

An ideal teacher should be able to identify the backward child and impart education, to bring him

A good teacher would not only impart abilities and knowledge, but also impart good manners, discipline and confidence to the students. He must be able to direct his students properly, towards a life long educational process and try to get the confidence of them. A teacher should be a good model for them, for he or she is been watched after, by the students. The students will try to learn the habits of the teachers and they even try their best to imitate them.

Therefore, an ideal teacher should, pose as a real model, for their students and properly guide them to be of morally good. He should set an example of a decent teacher and they should be good characters and conduct. Therefore he must be of decent character and his conduct should be praiseworthy.

An ideal teacher should pave way for the students to learn good habits and good manners for them, to enable them to turn into men of good qualities. He should encourage the child, to do good work and whenever possible, he should also congratulate the student, whenever he does a good job.

These are the good qualities and manners, which I would expect from an ideal teacher.



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PAPER I

One hour

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS ON THIS PAPER ITSELF.

1. **Read** the following paragraph and **fill** in the table. One has been done for you.

Mr. and Mrs. Munidasa have three children. They all play different sports. Their names are Hiran, Dilani and Ravi. Hiran is the eldest in the family. He is nineteen years old. The next one is Dilani. She is seventeen years old. The youngest is Ravi and he is fifteen years. Hiran plays cricket for the school team and Ravi plays foot-ball. The only girl in the family is a good net ball player.

NAME	AGE	SPORT
Hiran	19 Years	.....
Dilani	.....	.....
Ravi	.....	.....

2. **Read** the descriptions of the following people.

NAME	DESCRIPTION
Mala	- a good typist
Anne	- a clear speaker
Nimal	- a careful driver
Raman	- a clever writer
Faizal	- a good manager
Harry	- a smart talker

Now **write** the **name** of the best person for each job. Look at the example

Job	Name
<i>Example:</i> (a) salesman	- Harry
(b) secretary	-
(c) author	-
(d) company director	-
(e) radio announcer	-
(f) taxi-driver	-

3. These are some items that you use in your day-to-day life. Write how you use them.
Look at the example

(a)

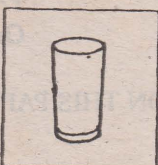
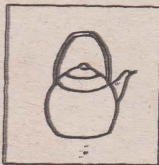
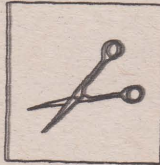
(b)

(c)

(d)

(e)

(f)



a pair
of scissors

a kettle

a broom

a glass

a spoon

a needle

Example: (a) to cut cloth

(b)

(c)

(d)

(e)

(f)

4. Match the questions in A with the answers in B. Write the letter of the question in the correct box. One has been done for you.

Questions (A)

Answers (B)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| (a) Hello, May I speak to Padmini, please? | <input type="checkbox"/> | Certainly, Here you are. |
| (b) Are you feeling better? | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes. Go straight ahead. Then turn right. |
| (c) Would you mind showing me your identity card? | <input type="checkbox"/> | No, thank you. |
| (d) Excuse me, could you tell me the way to the post office, please? | <input type="checkbox"/> | No, I didn't. It was too long. |
| (e) Would you like some more rice? | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes. I'm much better, thanks. |
| (f) Did you like the film? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a | Sorry, she's out. Can I take a message? |

5. Your favourite uncle is going to another country for two years. You cannot visit him because of the examination. Write a note;

- wishing him
- saying how you feel about his going away.

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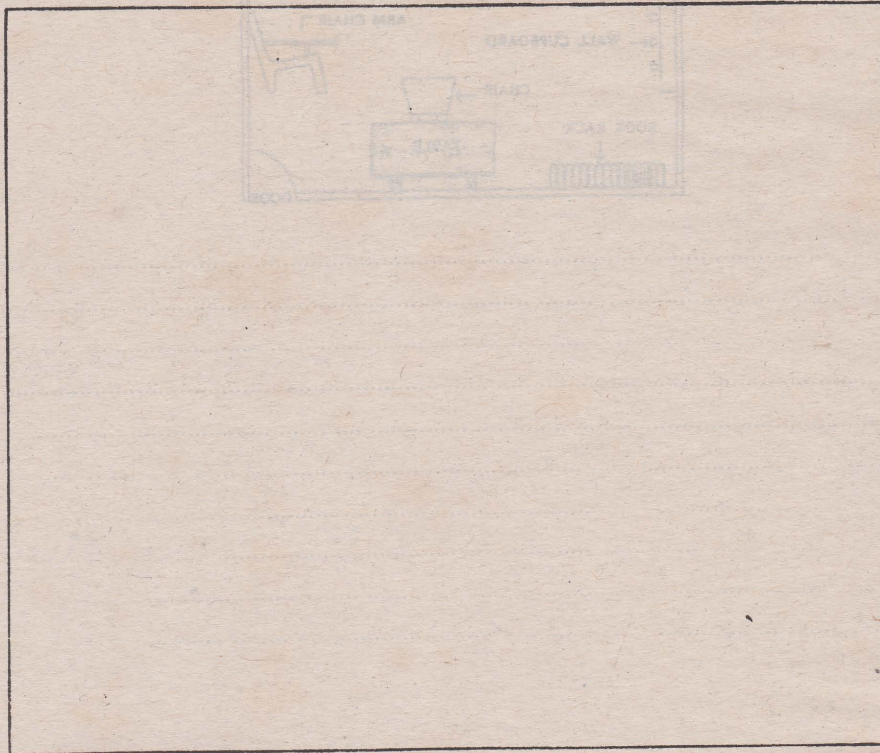
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6. You are at a cricket or netball coaching camp. Write a postcard to your parents.
 Say about
- Your arrival at the camp with your friends
 - the programme of work.
 - the departure from the camp. (Write in about 6 - 7 sentences)



7. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below

Most colours are made by mixing other colours. We need only three colours to produce all the other colours. These are red, yellow and blue and they are called the primary colours. When we mix these colours in pairs the results are called secondary colours. Sunlight looks colourless and is called 'white light'. But it is in fact made up of all the colours as you find in a rainbow. These are red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet.

- (a) How are most colours made?

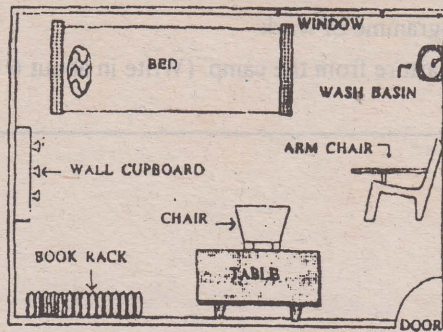
- (b) What are the primary colours?

- (c) How do we get secondary colours?

- (d) Why is sunlight called 'white light'?

- (e) 'White light' is made up of several colours. What are they?

8. Last week you were given a room in the new building of the school hostel. **Describe** your room to a friend. Write in about **50 words**.
(Given below is the arrangement of the room.)



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PAPER II
Two hours

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS ON THIS PAPER ITSELF

49. Read the following poem. Then answer the questions given below

THE BALLOON MAN

He always comes on market days
And holds balloons - a lovely bunch -
And in the market square he stays,
And never seems to think of lunch.

They' red and purple, blue and green
and when it is a sunny day
Tho' carts and people get between
You see them shining far away.

And some are big and some are small,
And tied together with a string,
And if there is a wind at all
They tug and tug like anything

(a) Where does the balloon man stay?

.....

(b) What colours of balloons does he sell?

.....

(c) How does one see the balloons on a sunny day?

.....

(d) What sizes of balloons does he sell?

.....

(e) Underline the correct sentence.

(i) The balloon man does not sell balloons on sunny days.

(ii) He sometimes comes on market days.

(iii) The balloon man has a lovely bunch of balloons.

(iv) All his balloons are big.

10. Read this newspaper notice and answer the questions given below.

PAINTING COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN

Wildlife is very valuable to us. Therefore we must protect it. We are organizing a painting competition to select pictures to the covers of our monthly wildlife magazine. We invite children of all schools to participate in this competition. You will not only win prizes for yourself but also for your school.

Theme	-	Protect our Wildlife
1. Age Group	-	13 - 19 years ; 4 winners + 4 runners-up
2. Age Group	-	7 - 12 years; 2 winners + 2 runners - up
The two categories will be awarded consolation prizes each.		

Prizes:

Winner	-	Individual Rs. 25,000 School Rs.15,000
Runner-up	-	Individual Rs.10,000 School Rs. 5,000
Consolation Prizes	-	Individual only Rs. 2,000

Entries:

- (a) Each participant can send only one entry.
- (b) Entries must be in colour. Black and white entries will not be accepted.
- (c) Entries must be sent through the principal of the school.
- (d) The decision of the Association is final.
- (e) All entries should reach the following address on or before 16th January 1999.

Secretary,
Sri Lanka Wildlife Association,
6, Green Gardens,
Colombo 6.

(a) Who is organizing the painting competition?

(b) What is the purpose of the competition?

(c) What is the closing date of entries?

(d) How many consolation prizes are given for both age groups?

(e) What is the prize for the school which gets a winning prize?

11. Write instructions for the following exercises. Look at the example.



(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)



(e)



(f)

Example:

(a) **Stand on your right leg. Put your left foot against your right knee and stretch your arms.**

(b)

(c)

(d)

(e)

(f)

12. Your school has organized a programme to celebrate the Golden Jubilee Independence. You as the Head Prefect of the school have planned a number of activities for the programme. **Write a notice** to be put up on the school notice board.
- Include: - activities you have planned for the programme
 - in what ways do you need the students' co-operation and participation
 - time, date venue.

13. **Read** the following text. Then **select** suitable words from the list given below to complete it. There are two extra words.

Have you ever stood at the seaside watching the waves come in? The winds blowing over the surface (a) the sea are often responsible for (b) Many waves travel long distances across the (c) for example, a strong wind blowing (d) Antarctica can send a wave right (e) the Pacific Ocean until it breaks (f) the shores of America, and yet the (g) itself does not move very far.

(h) a skipping rope is held at (i) end and given a shake, a wave (j) along the rope. The wave runs forward but the rope does not. The same sort of thing happens with waves in the sea.

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around

if
in

oceans
of

on
one

run
runs

water
waves

14. The Social Services Club in your school hopes to start a project to help those children in the area who do not attend school.

As the Secretary of the club, write a letter to the Director of Education in your area:

- giving reasons for starting the project
- explaining the project
- asking for his support in working out the project.

Write in about 100 words.

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15. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

BACK TO NATURE

I am one of the many city people who are always saying that given the choice we would prefer to live in the country away from the dirt and noise of a large city. I have managed to convince myself that if it weren't for my job I would immediately head out for the open spaces and go back to nature in some sleepy village buried in the country. But how realistic is this dream?

Cities can be frightening places. The majority of the population live in massive tower blocks, noisy, squalid and impersonal. The sense of belonging to a community tends to disappear when you live fifteen floors up. All you can see from your window is sky, or other blocks of flats. Children become aggressive and nervous - cooped up at home all day, with nowhere to play; their mothers feel isolated from the rest of the world. Strangely enough, whereas in the past the inhabitants of one street all knew each other, nowadays people on the same floor in tower blocks don't even say hello to each other.

Country life, on the other hand, differs from this kind of isolated existence in that a sense of community generally binds the inhabitants of small villages together. People have the advantage of knowing that there is always some one to turn to when they need help. But country life has disadvantages too. While it is true that you may be among friends in a village, it is also true that you are cut off from the exciting and important events that take place in cities.

There's little possibility of going to a new show or the latest movie. Shopping becomes a major problem, and for anything slightly out of the ordinary you have to go on an expedition to the nearest large town. The city-dweller who leaves for the country is often oppressed by a sense of unbearable stillness and quiet.

- (a) What makes the writer live in the city in spite of his preference to country life?
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.....
- (b) What is the dream the writer is talking about, at the end of the first paragraph?
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- (c) Why don't the children who live in flats get an opportunity to play?
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- (d) Write the sentence in the passage which means that the people who live in flats do not have a sense of belonging to a community.
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.....
- (e) Write two disadvantages of living in the country.
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16. You have been invited to speak at the Youth Club in your town /village on **"The changes I would like to see in Sri Lanka in the year 2000"**.

Write the speech you would make in about 250 - 300 words. Use the following guidelines.

- Social life, kinds of food
- trade and commerce
- modes of transport
- changes in town life and country life
- methods of communication

OR

Write an article to the school magazine in about 250 - 300 words on **"The place of Sports in a Child's Life"**. Use the following guidelines:

- kind of sports available to children in schools and outside
- how sports help in the physical development of a child
- how it develops good qualities and attitudes
- need to maintain a balance between work and play

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PAPER I
ANSWERS

1.

NAME	AGE	SPORT
Hiran	19 years	cricket
Dilani	17 years	net ball
Ravi	15 years	foot ball

2.

Job

Name

- | | | |
|-----|------------------|-----------------|
| (a) | salesman | Harry (Example) |
| (b) | Secretary | Mala |
| (c) | author | Raman |
| (d) | company director | Faisal |
| (e) | radio announcer | Anne |
| (f) | taxi-driver | Nimal |

3.

- (a) to cut cloth (Example)
 (b) to heat the water (to get hot water)
 (c) to sweep the floor.
 (d) to drink water or drinks.
 (e) to eat, to stir, to drink soup.
 (f) to sew clothes.

4.

c
d
e
f
b
b
a

5.

100 A/1 W. A. Silva Mawatta,
Colombo 06,

16th of December 1998.

Dear Ranjan Uncle,

I am very sad to hear that you are leaving the country for two years. Unfortunately I cannot visit you because of my examination. So I wish you all the best and a safe Journey.

Love
Sharu

16th December 98

6.

Dear Mom and Dad,

How are you? We're fine. We arrived at the camp at about 5.30 P.M. today. We were the first group to arrive. Today is our rest day. From tomorrow We have to practice netball. We will even have a small tournament between the groups. There is a separate coach for each of the groups to do physical exercises. This camp is due to be over on wednesday the 22nd. Our school bus will bring us back home on the same day.

Yours,
Tharshan.

7. (a) by mixing other colours.
 (b) red, yellow, blue.
 (c) by mixing primary colours in Pairs/ by mixing 2 primary colours.
 (d) because it looks colourless.
 (e) red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, Violet.

8. Last week I got a lovely room in the new building of the school hostel. As you enter the room there is an arm chair on which I sit in the evening to have my tea. Then about three feet away towards the right corner is the wash basin. There is a window close to the wash basin and the bed is just below it. The wall cupboard is on the left hand side of the room fixed to the middle of the wall. The book rack is on the left corner where I could keep all my books. Then there is a table and chair close to the door where I usually sit and study.

9. (a) in the Market square.
 (b) red, purple, blue, green
 (c) shining
 (d) big and small
 (e) (iii) The balloon man has a lovely bunch of balloons.

10. (a) Sri Lanka Wild Life Association
 (b) to select pictures to the covers of the monthly wild life magazine.
 (c) 16th January 1999
 (d) 10 (ten)
 (e) Rs. 15,000.00

11. (b) stand with your legs apart and hands on your hips.
 (c) Bend forward and touch your toes.
 (d) Bend sideways from the waist.
 (e) Lie on your back with your legs pointing upwards.
 (f) Lie down on the floor keeping your legs straight, bend forward until your head touches your knees.

12.

- NOTICE -

Golden Jubilee Independence Programme

To celebrate 50 years of Independence to our country. The Wiragama Maha Vidyalaya has organized various activities. All students are expected to participate at least in one of the following events

* Essay Competition

Topics - "Sri Lanka, facing the new Millennium"
"The Island of paradise"

* Creative writing Competition

The Topic will be given on the 01st December

* Speech Competition

Topic - "The pearl of the Indian Ocean"

Time	-	essay competition	-	9.00 a.m.	-	10.30 a.m.
		creative writing competition		11.00a.m.	-	12.00 noon
		speech competition		12.30 p.m.	-	01.30p.m.

Date - 01st of December 1998

Venue - The College Hall

R. Mohan
The head prefect

13. (a) of
(b) waves
(c) oceans
(d) in
(e) across
(f) on
(g) water
(h) If
(i) one
(j) runs.

14.

Vavuniya Maha Vidyalaya,
Vavuniya.

98.12.15

The Director of Education,
Educational Office,
Vavuniya

Dear Sir,

A project to improve uneducated children's education

The Social Services Club of Vavuniya Maha Vidyalaya is hoping to organize a project to improve the uneducated children's education. As our village consists of many poor villages many of the children who belong to these poor families do not go to school. Now it has become a great problem that they even don't know the alphabet. And as a result of that children have begun to do various jobs from childhood.

So we have taken a decision to change this situation. We hope to do this project on holidays and weekends. First we are going to tell them the importance of education. We hope to carry out this project on grades. And we are also looking forward to begin a library for them.

Lack of Finances have been a problem for us to begin this project. So we would like to ask you to give us some help from, the Education Ministry. And if possible please give us some good teachers to carry out this project.

Thank you

Yours faithfully,

(The Secretary of G.M.V)

15. (a) His / writer's job
 (b) going back to nature
 (c) they have nowhere to play / no playground.
 (d) The sense of belonging to a community tends to disappear when you live fifteen floors up.
 (e) 1. You are cut off from exciting and important events that take place in cities.
 2. There is little possibility of going to a new show or the latest Movie.
 3. Shopping becomes a Major Problem.

16. (a) "THE CHANGES I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN SRI LANKA IN THE YEAR 2000."

The President, members and friends of our Youth Club, First of all I must thank the president and members of our Youth Club for giving me the opportunity to speak today about the changes I would like to see in Sri Lanka in the year 2000. We must make Sri Lanka shine brighter on January 1 st 2000.

Our Economy is going down, and the worst hit are the rural poor and increasingly the middle classes as well.

The strength of Sri Lanka was based on the rural middle classes. The mass media and the open economy have taken the edge off the nationalist sentiments of this class. Sri Lanka must try hard to improve the rural economy. Sri Lanka has always been dependent on traditional tourism market of Europe and America. This market has come down badly ever since the North East war. The tourist industry must be developed, jointly by the state and the private sector. The tourist Board and the government must do enough propaganda work in the Western capitals to educate about our security situation in Sri Lanka. Child labour must be eradicated by the beginning of year 2000.

With regard to the methods of Communication Sri Lanka must take steps to develop the Telecommunication system in the next millennium. At the sametime we must develop our Television, Internet and Mobile telephone technology. Effective Communication must be implemented. With regard to Trade and Commerce we need to modernize our economy as well as our polity. We need a flexible economy. We must be able to satisfy the World Bank and the I.M.F about macro - economic stability and their policy recommendation by improving our external Trade and Commerce. We must improve our Tea export. The Russian Financial Crisis has affected adversely our tea export. Taking this into consideration our Central Planning must be improved. Even developed countries like Britain and U.S.A have clear plans for their economy.

Sri Lanka must tackle the problem of youth unemployment - particularly of the University graduates. We must create ample job opportunities. Our youths have to be employed in socially productive jobs.

In the next millennium the Sri Lankan state has an essential role to play, in maintaining law and order, providing infra-structure etc. While safeguarding fundamental freedoms and democratic principles. Next the health care in our country must be improved. If we fail to take care about our peoples' health condition there will be no one left to live in the next century. At the sametime our education too, must be improved. Our transport system must be improved. The entire nation will starve if there is no development in food production. At the same time Environmental Pollution must be effectively managed.

Thank you all.

(b)

THE PLACE OF SPORTS IN A CHILD'S LIFE

Today amongst us children, we see only a few of us healthy and fit only a few of us busy running about. Most of the other children are either too sick or weak. Some are too busy with studies and some with more and more studies.

Children should be given an opportunity to run about and have fun children should be given time to do sports at school and outside. Many children don't get this opportunity at all. There are many kinds of sports around the world. cricket, rugger, netball, football, volleyball, badminton, running, swimming are some of the few sports available for children to try out. They should be given training in school and the chance to practise these outside school. How many children are lucky enough to try out sports at all? Only a handful is the answer.

If we go deep into the matter and find out the reason for this we'd see studies as the reason. Only mental development is not enough for a growing child he should have physical development as well. He/ She should be good at both studies and sports. During the growing age the child needs good exercise to keep his/ her body fit. The child needs to be strong and active. Sports is one solution for weak and lazy children. It makes the child disciplined and helps him to face things with courage. It helps the child grow up responsibly. It helps put off extra fat making the child tall, strong and not fat, short or chubby so, sports help a lot in the physical development of a child. It also helps the child to face defeat and learn what hard work is. It gives the child determination and makes the child see that if you work hard enough anything could be won.

Parents should see to the fact that children are not over done by studies but need a balance between work and play. They should have times for different activities so that the child can develop mentally and physically.

Children have a right to play. It should not be taken away from them. Help them grow up strong and reach out to the sky one day.



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ENGLISH PAPER 1 - ONE HOUR

1. Match the places (A) with what we do there (B) Write the letter of the place in the correct box Look at the example.

PLACE (A)

WHAT WE DO THERE (B)

Example :

- a) We go to school
 b) We go to the temple/kovil/church/mosque
 c) We go to the playground
 d) We go to the library
 f) We go to the hospital
 e) We go to the restaurant

- to get medicine
 to play
 to read
 to eat
 to worship
 to learn

e

2. This note is not in the correct order. Read it and put it in the correct order. Write the letter of each section in the space. Look at the example :

- a) Thank you for your invitation
 b) Suren
 c) With love
 Yours
 d) 2nd December 1997
 e) I would love to come to your party
 f) Dear Janith

Example . . . f

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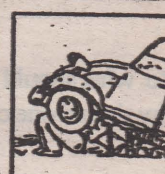
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3. These are pictures of some people. Write the letter of the job of each person in the given box. Look at the example



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- a) Postman/Postwoman
 b) Cashier
 c) Waiter/Waitress
 d) Mechanic

- e) Nurse
 f) Pilot
 g) Actor/Actress
 h) Typist

4. You want to go to the library with a friend. Write a note to your friend.
Include the following : The place where you want him/her to meet you .
The time and date

Blank lined paper with horizontal ruling lines.

5. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

Everyone should protect the environment. The most important thing you can do is to leave the environment the way you find it. When you want to throw something away, you ought to find a garbage can. The person who leaves litter behind is the worst kind of traveller. Always carry a bag with you to put your litter in. This is the best way to protect your environment.

- a) Who should look after the environment ?
- b) What is the main thing you can do to look after the environment?
- c) What should you look for when you want to throw away something?
- d) Into what should you put your garbage when travelling?
- e) Why should one carry a bag for garbage when one travels?

6. A friend of yours has written this notice and asked you to check it. In each line (a-e) there is one wrong word. **Write the correct word** in the space given in front of the line.

NOTICE

As we discussed at our meeting, we will not have our annual end of year party for 1997.

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- (b) Bring all you gifts on or before 15th December

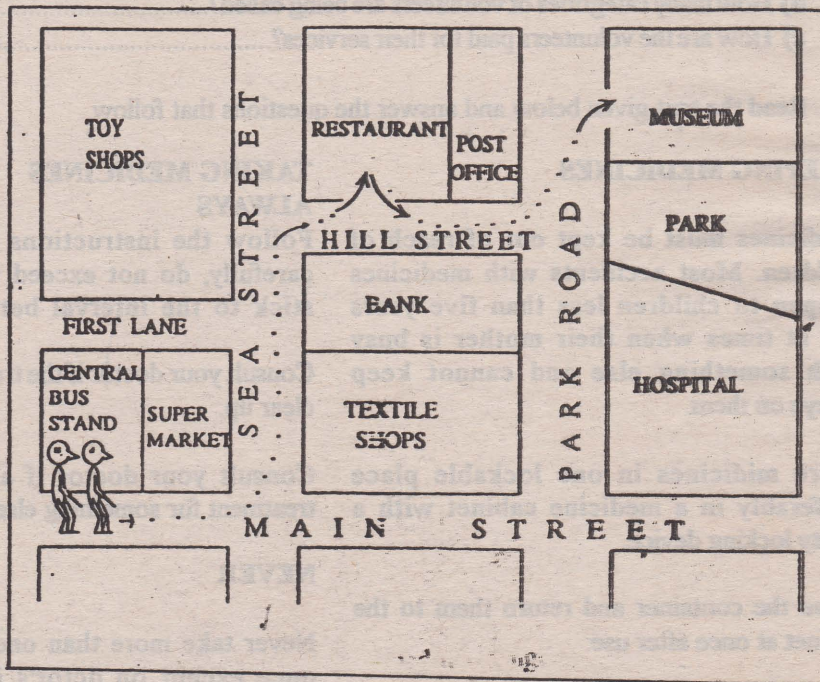
- (c) and hand their over the school prefects.
 (d) We will invited the president of the Sri Lanka Goodwill Association.
 (e) and hand them over for him to be given to the victims.

7. In the spaces given below write Five things you would do to keep your pet dog clean happy and healthy. Look at the example.

Example:- Play with him everyday.

- a)
 b)
 c)
 d)
 e)

8. Raja and his brother visited the museum last week. The route they took is shown by the dotted lines. Describe the route they took from the central bus stand to the museum. (Mention the places they went to and passed on their way. Write in about 30 words)



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ENGLISH PAPER II - TWO HOUR

9. Read the following notice and answer the questions given below.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY - VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed from each village to help build our country. If you want to serve your country in a direct way, here is a chance for you to work as a teacher in the Education Services, as a doctor or a nurse in the Medical Services or as a social worker in the Social Services. Your living allowance will be paid according to the area you volunteer to work in.

Write now indicating your choice of work to :

The Secretary,
Build the Nation Volunteers Association
31, Sama Nikethana,
Colombo 03.

- a) Why are volunteers called?.....
- b) Write the word which shows that volunteers are needed urgently?.....
- c) From where are they being selected?.....
- d) How many categories of volunteers are being called?.....
- e) How are the volunteers paid for their services?.....

10. Read the text given below and answer the questions that follow.

KEEPING MEDICINES

Medicines must be kept out of reach of children. Most accidents with medicines happen to children less than five years old at times when their mother is busy with something else and cannot keep an eye on them.

Store medicines in one lockable place preferably in a medicine cabinet with a safety locking device.

Close the container and return them to the cabinet at once after use.

NEVER

- Never leave medicines lying around even if you think they are out of reach.

Never keep old medicines after you finished using them. The more medicines you have in your home, the greater the risk of an accident.

Never let children play with medicine containers empty or full.

Remember to use medicines properly and keep them safely.

TAKING MEDICINES

ALWAYS

Follow the instructions on the label carefully, do not exceed the dose and stick to the interval between doses.

Consult your doctor if the trouble does not clear up.

Consult your doctor if already under treatment for something else.

NEVER

Never take more than one medicine at once except on doctor's instructions.

Never give adult doses to children unless it tells you on the label it is safe to do so.

Never give any medicine to babies younger than six months without consulting your doctor

of the society to follow.

community project carried out by a youth club in your area.

Describe :

- * the purpose of the project

- * how the community was benefited.

write in about 100 words.

13. This is a letter written by a boy to his aunt. There are ten mistakes in it. Correct the mistakes and rewrite the ten sentences in the space given below.

16, Eksath Mawatha,
Kurunegala.
3rd Decembere, 1997.

Dear Aunty / Sumudu,

How are you ? I hope you're keeping fine. Last year you gave me wonderful birthday present. You sent me four white rabbits. You also sent me a book calling 'FACTS ABOUT RABBITS'. I do everything the book said. It wasn't easy. Rabbits really keeps us hopping.

If you were thinking of send me a birthday present I'd like to have a book this year too. I'd like a book that give facts about gardening. I wanted to grow sweet potatoes and spmach. My mother and father is both fond of sweet potatoes and spinach is good on the health of all of us. I also love to sent some sweet potatoes and spinach to the home for the aged down our lane.

Sincerely yours,
Chaminda.

- a)
- b)
- d)
- e)
- f)
- g)
- h)
- i)
- j)

14. Read the following text and use suitable words given in the list below to complete it. There are three extra words in the list.

Running is one of the simplest yet most beneficial form of exercise. Technique comes naturally, equipment is minimal but, more importantly, it's very good for the human body. There are many benefits (a) running and it does a lot of good (b) you. It increases fitness (c) energy, lowers the risk of (d) disease releases tension and (e) sleeplessness.

With each step, hundred (f) are automatically used. When breaking (g) a run, the system really (h) to work. The body needs (i) for energy, so the (j) rate increases from 18 to 50 times a minute. The lungs fill and the heart pumbs freshly oxygenated blood through the body. Muscles are strengthened and in an average person, a great deal of energy is used for each eight-minute mile.

and, begins, breath, breathing, for, heart, in, into, muscle, muscles, of, oxygen, reduces.

15. Read this text and answer the questions given below.

A boat was taking a large number of children from the shore of the island to a ship, when suddenly one of the children pointed to the white waves thrown off the front of the boat as it cut through the water. All the children, who had never been in a boat before, rushed forward together in spite of the warning shouts of the schoolmaster with them. Their weight pressed the front of the boat under the water, a wave came and in a second the boat sank and they were all left struggling in the water.

A second boat was sent at once from the ship to the place of the accident. Those members of the ship's crew who were on the shore swam out to save as many children as they could. One of the crew, who was fishing from some rocks near the camp, stopped only to put his wrist-watch on a rock and swam out fully clothed to help. One by one all the children were collected up and put into the boat, some still alive, others apparently dead. As soon as the last body had been lifted in, the boat went to the camp of the ship owner on the shore where the children who were still unconscious were given first aid and by the crew of the ship.

Until late that night the battle went on for the lives of the children. One by one they recovered and began to breathe again without help. At last only two and the schoolmaster had not recovered and for them all hope was over.

As soon as the news of the accident reached the village on the other side of the island, the children's parents and friends had hurried to the camp of the ship's owner to ask after their own children and to help. All through the hours of darkness the camp was full of strangers and all the valuable goods in the tents were completely open and unguarded. But not a single article was missing in the morning. All the visitors to the camp were completely honest. Unfortunately this good record was spoilt by one thing the watch the seaman had left behind on the rocks when he went to save the children was stolen while he was in the water.

Next day the ship's owner met the village priest and said, 'It was terrible about the children'. The priest replied, " It was worse about the watch ".

a) Why did the children rush forward together?

b) What made the boat sink?

c) How many lives were lost as a result of the accident?

d) Why was the camp full of strangers all night?

e) Write down the sentence in the text which means " that to do something wrong is worse than to die"?

- You may use the following guidelines.
- a short description of the person
 - What she/he did
 - How the world/society benefited from her/his services
 - How the world/society showed her/him respect

Write in about 250 - 300 words.

- B) You are invited to make a short speech at the community centre of your village or town on "My idea of peace in a country" Write a summary of your speech in about 250 - 300 words.

You may use the following guidelines.

- some information about the country and its people.
- Why peace is necessary to develop the country
- How you hope to achieve it
- the results you hope to gain

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ENGLISH PAPER 1 - ANSWER

01 Place (A)

- a) to get medicine
- b) to play
- c) to read
- d) to eat
- e) to worship
- f) to learn

What we do there (B)

- e
- c
- d
- f
- b
- a

02. a) Thank you for your invitation
 b) Suren
 c) with love,
 yours
 d) 2nd December 1997
 e) I would love to come to your party
 f) Dear Janith

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f

a

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b

03. Example

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04.

12th December, 1997

Dear Suren,

I want you to come with me to the British Council library on Monday the 15th of December. I would like to meet you near the sarasavi book - shop at Nugegoda, at 10.00 a.m.

Yours,
 Karim

05. a) Everyone
b) Leave the environment the way you find it
c) A garbage can
d) a bag
e) to protect your environment / to keep your environment clean

06. NOTICE

As we discussed at our meeting we will not have our annual end of the year party for 1997.

- a) Instead we will send gifts to the victims of landmines. Send
b) Bring all you gifts on or before 15th December. Your
c) And hand their over to the school prefects. Them
d) We will invited the president of the Sri Lanka Goodwill Association Invite
e) And hand them over for him to be given to the victim to

07. a) Give him a bath once or twice a week
b) Take him to the wet often
c) Take him for a walk daily
d) Brush him daily
e) Give him healthy food

08. From the central Bus stop Raja and his brother walked along the main street and turned left to sea street. They passed some textile shops and as soon as they passed the Bank they turned to their right and went to the restaurant at Hill street. Then they went past the Post office and came to Park road. They crossed Park road and went to the Museum which was right next to the Park.

09. a) to help build our country
b) immediately
c) from villages/ each village
d) three/3
e) a living allowance according to the area

10. a) below five years/less than 5 years
b) because the more medicines you have the greater the risk of an accident /to reduce (lessen) the risk of accidents
c) in the medicine cabinet with a safety locking device
d) to follow the instruction / to give the correct dose at the correct time to the correct person
e) (1)stick to the dosage
(2)stick to the intervals

11. a) Everyone must attend all the meetings of the sports society.
b) Everyone must come for sports practices on their relevant days.
c) Fees, for the sports must be paid during the first week of the month.
d) Everyone must leave the school premises by 6.00 p.m.
e) Avoid fighting with children who have come for sports practices.

12.

15, Temple Lane,
Nawala,
12.12.1997

The Editor,
Daily News,
Lake House,
Colombo 07.

Dear Sir,

Ref : Community Project Organized by Our Youth Club

On the 10th of December, 1997 the youth club of Nawala, organized a Community project. It was a "Shiramadana" project; organized to campaign and to make a public road, all the people the young and old participated and made it an entire success.

The so called "Silva Mawatha" which was full of ruts, has now been made a beautiful path to walk on entirely because of the participants courage. Most of the people of the area have praised the youths for organizing such a project.

I hope that their next project also would be a great success.

Yours faithfully

S. Rajah

13. a) Last year you gave me a wonderful birthday present.
 - b) You also sent me a book called "Facts about Rabbits"
 - c) I did everything the book said
 - d) Rabbits really keep us hopping
 - e) If you were thinking of sending me a birthday present I would like to have a book this year too
 - f) I would like a book that gives facts about gardening
 - g) I want to grow sweet potatoes and spinach
 - h) My mother and father are both fond of potatoes.
 - i) And spianch is good for the health of all of us
 - j) I also love to send some sweet potatoes.
14. a) of
 - b) for
 - c) and
 - d) heart
 - e) reduces
 - f) muscles
 - g) into
 - h) begins
 - i) oxygen
 - j) breathing

15. a) to look at the white waves thrown off the front of the boat
b) the weight of the boys pressed together in front of the boat,
c) three, (3)
d) parents and friends who had come to help and ask about their own children
e) It was worse about the watch.
- 16 A) An article to the school Magazine about a famous woman who wanted to serve the world
Mother Teresa : A woman who served the world

Mother Teresa was one who translated christian charity into action as no one else has done in modern times. The Missinaries of charity that she founded keeps an uncompromising focus on relieving the mirery of the poorest. Mother Teresa helped the poorest of poor. People the world over mourn the death of Mother Teresa. Calcuta's farewell to Mother Teresa was a lofty tribute to her life of selfless service. She spent nearly half a century in the service of the poorest of the poor in different parts of the world. Mother Teresa died of a cardioace arrest on September 5th 1997.

She was 87 years old when she died. The government of India had accorded her a state funeral. She was an embodiment of peace. Her death was an end of a chapter in the history of the Missinaries of charity. Mother Teresa was born on August 26, 1910 as the youngest of three children in Albania. Mother Teresa's early life has influenced mostly by her mother a deeply religious person. Mother Teresa was first a teacher in St. Mary's School, a convent in Calcuta. She was a teacher for 17 years, later she left the convent and started serveing the poorest of the poor.

She was a great humanitarian and gave a whole hearted free service to the poorest of the poor. She helped and nursed the leaper the sick, the homeless, the orphen, the abandoned the uncared for the poorest of the poor. The social work she did for the betterment of the poor cannot he forgotten by the Indian Nation. She ran a home for the elderly and the disabled. She relieved the misery of the poor. She worked in Calcuta for years in the streets and slums. She always spoke of loving, caring and sharing. Her mission was to help the leprosy parients to build a home for them and give medical care and to rehabilitate them. She set up a number of centres all over the world.

Mother Teresa had the ability to touch the hearts and bring comfort to the suffering. She respected all the religions and other faiths. She did her untiring service in a multi faith nation. All leaders of other religious liked loved and respected her because of her service to the poor. Even the chief Minister of West Bengal, Jyothi Basu who is a distinguished Marxist is a personal friend of Mother Teresa. Mother Teresa once said, " The greatest poverty was to feel unwanted and unloved. This poverty exists even in affluent countries. She was the greatest christian of her age.

She was a small, frail, bent and garled sari clad Indian woman of Allbanian descent. She was internationally very popular, and was considered greater than all the pōpes. She was a genius of practicality. She never truned down anyone who was poor and never refused a child, Hindu, Muslim, chirstain or whatever. During communal crises in India or natural or human made disasters almost anywhere. Mother Teresa moved in swiftly and galvanised various institutions and individuals into actions. All the peoples eyes in Calcutta was moist with tears on the day of her death. She was awarded a number of titles by international Organization Padma Shri award in in 1962.

Pope John XXIII peace Prize in 1971 Nobel Prize for peace in 1979 Bharat Ratna 1980. The entire world paid tribute to Mother Teresa of Calcutta on the day of her death.

16 B) A SHORT SPEECH AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

"My idea of peace in a country"

The Chairman, Ladies and Gentleman, Friends and Members of the Colombo West Community Centre

First of all I must thank all of you members who have assembled here today to discuss about an important issue facing our country. Your presence here in such large number shows that you all want peace. A comprehensive response to inaccurate expression used by writers and speakers on the idea of peace and on ethnic conflict requires more elaborate study. Nevertheless I would like to make a few brief comments. One should be cautious about the use of such expressions as "Intolerant" and "Extremist" in describing the views and actions of persons, groups and institutions whose views and positions differ from one's own. It is also necessary to understand the psychology of ethnic, religious or other such groups who perceive themselves as being under threat, deprived or marginalised, abused or who have a collective sense of grievance either against the state or other groups in the polity.

Invariably their perceptions are rooted in their history or in a historical memory, which in the course of being transmitted to succeeding generations has after been transmitted by exaggeration or distortion. It is also necessary to distinguish perception from reality. In the present ethnic conflict the Sinhalese and Tamil groups see themselves as threatened by the other and both groups feel that the state has not attended to their grievances satisfactorily. In this context the Sinhalese must not think that Sri Lanka is only a Sinhala Buddhist Country. At the outset I must say that our country which was once compared to Cyprus is compared to Lebanon today. We must look at this problem on the basis that Sri Lanka comprises ethnic groups which speak several languages and profess several religions. My idea is that the people must not oppose the devolution package if they want to bring peace to our country.

The Tamil Eelam struggle and the ethnic war has destroyed many lives as well as the resources of the country. Therefore to end this war and bring peace I advocate a solution based on regional autonomy within a unitary state. The Sinhala and Tamil should be given equal status as official languages. Talent should be taken as the only criteria in the field of education. While accepting decentralisation of power in principle I emphasise that the island should be divided into five new zones in keeping with the current socio-economic growth. The inevitable question of our country is the state of Economy. Population growth is rapid - but growth of Economy slow. Widespread unemployment, and that too among educated youths; mounting of foreign debts - inflation - lowering of living standard - environmental pollution - etc.

All can be brought under control if peace is restored. The Sinhalese who form 75% of the population can bring peace in this country if they want to solve this ethnic problem. The Sinhalese people must ensure that the minorities, Tamils, Muslims, Christians, Malays, Barchers, Veddhas and so on can enjoy a full range of human rights and live in peace, with dignity and honour in the land of their birth. I hope the devolution package provide a basis for solving the Ethnic Problem. The package will be an extension of democracy through the sharing of power between the centre and the regions of the country. Only then there can be one nation one people.

**General Certificate Of Education (Ord. Level) Examination,
December 1996.**

English-Paper I, One Hour.

1. Read this letter and complete the table given below with the correct information.

10, Kandy Road,
Kiribathgoda
25th November 1996

Dear Sampath,

Hope you are keeping well and studying hard for your examination. I thought of writing to you to tell you about my new class. I like our class teacher. She always comes to school on time and she is smart too. My best friend is Ajith. He is tall like you and he is very helpful and kind to others. Chanaka who sits next to me is also kind but he is very jovial and makes us all laugh all the time. I think he has grown fat by laughing. He is not very tall. There are thirty five children in our class. I miss all of you. Shall write again later.


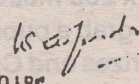
Yours ever,

Ranjith

PERSON	APPEARANCE	QUALITIES
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Examples:-	Teacher	Smart	Comes on time
	Ajith	(a).....	(b).....
	(c).....	(d).....	(e).....

2. Read carefully the cheque given below and answer the Questions on it.

	Serendib Bank (COLOMBO) valid for 30 days 7135-250	
	p 96 10 01	
	Pay <u>Basil Perera</u>	
	Rupees <u>Two Hundred and fifty</u>	<u>250/-</u>
	only	
		
	674966 7135-259 1070079019	

- (a) Which bank has issued the cheque?.....
 (b) For whom is the cheque written?
 (c) What is the value of the cheque?
 (d) On what date has the cheque been issued?.....
 (e) For how long is the cheque valid?.....

3. Look at the PICTURES given below. Write the ACTION shown by each picture. The first one has been done for you.



THE PICTURE

ACTION

Example:

(a)

Playing the guitar

(b).....

(c).....

(d).....

(e).....

(f).....

4. This is a birthday wish written by Champika for her Mother. Before writing it on the card she wants you to correct it. There are FIVE MISTAKES. Circle the mistakes and write them correctly in the space given below. Look at the example.

To dearest Mother,

Wish you a happy birthday darling Mother. Hope you have a wonderful day. We love you Verry much. Hope you laik the precent I sent you.

Your loying daughter

Champika

Example:

Dearest

(a).....

(b).....

(c).....

(d).....

(e).....

5. Read the programme given below and answer the questions.

GEMUNU MAHA VIDYALAY
SCHOOL SPORTS MEET
PROGRAMME

01.30 pm	Arrival of the Chief Guest
02.15 pm	Welcome song
02.30 pm	100 metres-girls under 15
02.35 pm	100 metres-boys under 15
02.45 pm	4x100 metres-boys under 17
03.00 pm	4x200 metres-girls under 19

INTERVAL

03.20 pm	Visitor's relay-4 x 200 metres
03.30 pm	Teacher's race -grab a pupil and run
03.45 pm	Distribution of prizes and Chief Guest's address
04.45 pm	Vote of thanks
05.00 pm	National Anthem

- (a) What is the first race in the Sports Meet?
.....
- (b) How many events are there for the boys?
.....
- (c) What is the distance of the race for girls under 19?
.....
- (d) What is the distance the visitors will run in their race?
.....
- (e) How long is the interval?
.....

6. It is your turn to clean the classroom today and you are not able to go to school. Write a note of excuse to the teacher. Your friend will take the note to the teacher.



Example:

(a) Saman was walking to school one day

(b) _____

(c) _____

(d) _____

(e) _____

(f) _____

8. Read the following notice sent by the principal of your school and write out an invitation to your parents inviting them to the Prize Giving . Include all the points given.

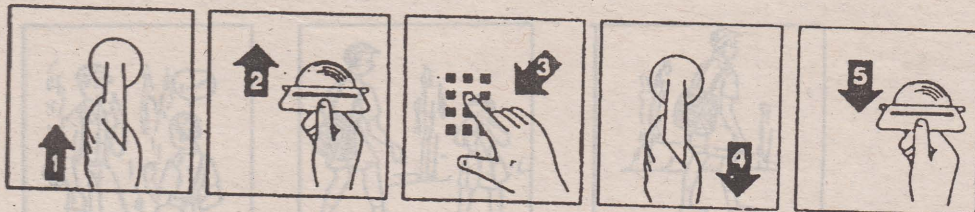
TO ALL STUDENTS OF YEAR 11

Please write out an invitation to your parents inviting them to the school prize giving. It will be held in the school hall on 4th January 1997 at 9.30 am. The Chief Guest will be Mr. K. Ratnayaka, the District Judge, an old boy of the school. All parents must be in their seats by 9.00 am.

[illegible]

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9. The following pictures (1-5) show how to use a phonecard. Look at the pictures carefully. Then match the pictures with the instructions. Write the number of the picture in the correct box.



HOW TO USE YOUR PHONECARD

- Insert the card into the slot, printed side up.
- When the call is finished replace the receiver.
- Lift the receiver and listen to the dial tone.
- Remove the card. Unused units will have been left on the card for future use.
- Dial the number required. When the call is connected, the credit units are gradually erased from the digital display.

[Phonecard: a card used in special public phones. These phones do not accept coins.]

- 10 Read the following poem. Then answer the questions given below.

I sit by the sea in the pouring rain
Oh how I wish I were back again.

The noise is so loud, the weather bad,
And when I reach home, I'll be terribly glad.

The clouds drift along the sky's edge,
Down to the horizon, a thick black wedge.

For once in my life, I feel alone.
How I wish I'd never been born.

At last the time has come to go,
I gather my bags, look round me and though

While I was here it rained all day,
Now I am going, I wish I could stay.

- (a) Why do you think the poet has come here?
- (b) The first few lines of the poem tell us that the poet is longing to get back home. why?

(c) Write the line which says that the poet is terribly lonely.

(d) What is the reason for the change of mind according to the last line?

(e) Find words or phrases in the poem which mean very much the same as the following

- extremely

- collect

- being carried along

- line where sea and sky seem to meet

11. Imagine you are the Head Prefect of your school. Write five rules which you want the children of your school to obey during school hours.

(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

(e)

12. This is a part of an article written by a student, on Sri Lanka. But there are ten mistakes in it. Correct the mistakes and re-write the text in space given.

Sri Lanka is consider to be one of the most beautiful countries in a world. People who live in this island sometime call it by an old name means 'Golden Island' and in legend, Sinbad Sailor is said to had visited it and calling it 'Serendip' meaning 'Lucky Find'.

As the island lyes not very far north of the equator, the climate off Sri Lanka is said to be tropical. It is hot all the year around but heavy rains fall during the monsoon season.

13. In the text given below, parts of some of the words are missing. Complete the words by writing a letter in each blank.

Man's mind and his mental processes have always seemed to him as fascinating as the universe itself. But until relatively recent times he knew little about the nature of his mind; how the brain func----- where consci-----, perception and dre--- arise; or h-- he lea--- and cre----- memories. N-- broadly ba--- scientific invest-----, carried for--- by specialists in many fields, is building up a store of knowledge that is increasingly paying rich dividends.

14. You have ordered five books from a book shop about two weeks back. You wanted the books to be sent by parcel post. But you have not received them yet. Write a letter of complaint to the manager of the book shop.

Use about 100 words.

15. Read the following text and answer the questions given below.

Throughout the ages, people have included dogs in their myths and legends and in their everyday language. Cerberus was the famous dog which according to the ancient Greeks, guarded the gates of hell. The brightest star in the heavens, Sirius is called the dog star because in the old days people thought that the constellation, or group of stars to which it belonged looked like a dog in shape. The hottest days of the northern summer are still sometimes called the "dog days" because in July and August the dog star rises at about the same time as the sun.

Two examples of the everyday use of the word dog are when someone says that he has been able to help a lame dog over a stile (give assistance to somebody in difficulties) or that someone has been dogging his tracks, in other words following him as closely as a dog might follow him.

These examples help to show the long and close association between dogs and human beings. Just how long it has lasted is shown by the fact that the bones of primitive dogs have been found with human remains at least 10,000 years old. At first these animals were probably trained to help in the hunt and to guard the fireside, and as time went on the dog gradually fitted into its present place as the loyal helper and companion.

Egyptian tombs and temples built 5000 years ago are decorated with pictures of dogs that look very much like modern greyhounds, salukis and Aberdeen terriers. It is known that the Egyptian honoured the dog highly and even considered it sacred, and the Greek historian Herodotus tells how, when a dog died in an Egyptian home, the whole family went into mourning. It is known from pictures on ancient Assyrian monuments that the Assyrian used mastiffs for hunting as long ago as 600 BC. The Greeks and the Romans also used dogs for hunting while for fighting they armed them with spiked collars.

Dogs of many breeds were used to pull milk wagons and vegetable carts through the streets of Switzerland and the Netherlands. But most loved are the thousands of dogs which lead ordinary lives. These dogs are neither especially brave nor especially clever, but if they are treated well they are always faithful, lovable companions.

(a) Why is Sirius called the dog star?

(b) Write two phrases from the text to show how people have included dogs in their everyday language.

(i).....

(ii).....

(c) What evidence do you find in the text to prove that the relationship between man and dog is not a recent one ?
.....

(d) History shows that people of different races have treated dogs in different ways. How did the Egyptians and the Greeks treat dogs ?
.....

Egyptians

Greeks

(e) What is the most loved type of dog?.....

Why?.....

- 16) Write an article on ONE of the following TOPICS Use about 250 - 300 words Use the guidelines given.

Either

TOPIC 1

The reading habit should be developed in school children

- in what ways does reading help children ?
- reasons for lack of interest in reading
- ways in which the reading habit could be developed in children

or

TOPIC 2

Learning a foreign Language has its own practical values

- uses of learning a foreign language
- how does the knowledge of a foreign language help in pursuing higher studies ?
- special benefits you could gain from learning a foreign language

or

TOPIC 3

Describe a project you did for the school / community

- purpose of the project
- general organisation of the project
- how did the school or the community benefit from this project ?

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01. Ajith (a) Tall (b) Helpful / Kind
(c) Chanaka (d) Fat / Not tall / Medium height (e) Kind / Jovial
02. (a) Serendib Bank(colombo) (b) Sunil Perera
(c) Rs.250.00 (d) 96.10.01 (e) 30 days/a month.
03. (b) cooking (Breakfast/ rice)
(c) Arranging the bed.
(d) Playing a violin.
(e) Washing Dishes.
(f) Sweeping the floor.
04. (a) Happy (b) Wonderful (c) very
(d) Like (e) Present.
05. (a) 100 metres- girls under 15
(b) Two
(c) 800 metres/ 200 x 4 metres
(d) 800 metres/ 200 x 4 metres
(f) 20 minutes

06. No 30, Pamankada Lane
Colombo-06
10-11-1996

The Class Teacher,
Hindu College, Colombo.

Dear Madam,

I am unable to come to school today. Because I am not well. I am writing this note because today is my turn to clean the classroom. So please excuse me because I will take my turn when I come back. I am Sending this note through Tharsan.

Yours obedently
L. Pragash.

07. (b) He came across a boy who was crying on the road
(c) Saman asked the boy why he was crying.
(d) The boy said that he had lost his pen and could not find it.
(e) Saman reached into his bag and took out a pen.
(d) He gave it to the boy.

08.

12.12. 1996

Dear Father and Mother,

I am very happy to invite you to our annual prize giving which will be held in the school hall on 4th of January 1997 at 9.30 am . The Chief Guest will be Mr.K. Ratnayaka, who is the District Judge and an old boy of our school . Please be in your seats by 9.00 a.m

Yours loving son
Rajah.

PAPER II ANSWERS

08

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4
1
5
3

10. (a) To enjoy the nature
 (b) Because it is raining
 (c) For once in my life I feel alone.
 (d) Because the Weather is better.
 (e) Extremely - Terribly
 Collect - Gather
 Being Carried along - Drift
 Line where Sea and Sky Seem to meet - Horizon.

11. (a) Do not talk when there is no teacher in the classroom
 (b) Do not loiter about anywhere during School hours.
 (c) Do not eat anything in the classroom.
 (d) Do not go to the toilet without permission.
 (e) Do not play in the classroom.

12. Sri Lanka is Considered to be one of the most beautiful countries in the world, People who live in this island Sometimes call it by an old name which means 'Golden Island' and in legend, Sinbad the Sailor is said to have visited it and called it 'Serendip' Meaning 'Lucky Find'

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13. Function Consciousness
Dreams How Lea rns Creates
Now Based Investigation Forth

14.

30 Pamankada Lane
 Colombo-6,
 10-12-1996.

The Manager,
 Astan Book Centre,
 164/7 W.A.Silva Mawatte,
 Colombo -06.

Dear Sir,

Reference about Books that have been Ordered

I am a regular customer of your book shop placed an order on 15.10.1996 at the above named shop. I requested them to be sent by parcel post to the above address. Till now I have not received it. I paid rupees two hundred (200/=) by cash. A copy of the receipt number is attached herewith.

(Receipt No R 40016) The books ordered are given below,

1. New English course Book 4 By Phodri jones.
2. An O/level English course.
3. An ABC of English Teaching
4. Men and Beasts - Themes Series.

Please be good enough to call me on Phone No 594821 and let me know the cause for the delay. I hope you will attend into this matter.

Thank you

Yours Sincerely
D.S.Sinth.

15. (a) because the stars looked like a dog.
- (b)
 1. To help a lame dog over a stile
 2. Dogging someone's tracks.
- (c) That bones of primitive dogs have been found with human remains (atleast 10000 Years old)
- (d)
 1. Egyptians - honoured them / considered them sacred / mourned as a family,
 2. Greeks - Used them for hunting and fighting
- (e)
 - 1 Dogs which lead ordinary lives.
 - 2 Because they are faithful and lovable companions.
(If they are treated well)

Topic-1

The Reading habit should be developed in school children.

The children must be made to know that 'Reading make the a Full man". Children will gain a lot of Knowledge by reading. Reading good books and material will lead the children attain high understanding. Constant reading of books, newspaper and magazines will develop the children's General Knowledge.

If the children develop the habit of reading , they will be induced to read their normal text book. Reading will make the children spend their time usefully. Constant reading will influence the children to become good citizen. If the children continue the habit of reading in the later life they will come to know the Scientific and technological developments of the world.

Reading will make the children progress in attaining proficiency in higher educational qualification. They will gain proficient knowledge, Skill, and advance State of expertness in international affairs. Reading makes the children develop better understanding of other people and at the same time gain discipline. Reading helps children to get better employment in later life. Children who are not taught properly in School, Lack the knowledge of language. These children lack interest in reading. Children who are not proficient in their mother tongue lack interest in reading. Teachers in school must create an interest in children to read. Schools must provide a good library and a proper environment for reading. The parents too must take an interest to create reading habits to their children. The State and Non Governmental organisation must be made to distribute free books to schools and libraries .

Teachers must make children to spend more time to learn , the language properly before reading. Teachers must help the children to read by explaining the meaning of difficult words in the reading material. By supplying cheaper books and reading materials to children the state can induce the reading habit of the children. Reading habit could be developed in children by establishing public children's library in every district. In schools the teacher should organize class library and teach the children to maintain a small home library. Learned people must encourage young people to read to gain direction for their lives.

16. Topic - 2

Learning foreign language has its own practical values.

In Sri Lanka there are a number of different institute which conducts classes for foreign languages such as German, Spanish, French, English and Hindy are being taught in these institutions.

A few of these foreign languages are very widely used international languages. It is said that 90 % of the people in the world speak English. Therefore it is considered that English language is the only widely spoken International Language. A majority of the people in the world can be contacted through English language.

In Sri Lanka English language is taught in almost all the school as a second language. Every child in Sri Lanka is learning English Language. The importance of English is known to every parent and teacher in Sri Lanka.

Nowadays the children in Sri Lanka takes a lot of interest to study foreign languages. Many students who are taught English and other foreign languages use it its fullest advantage when they go abroad. There are many practical values of studying foreign languages. The importance of studying English languages is well known. English is the most widely used foreign language in Sri Lanka. Many books on Science and Technology are written in English. Therefore without a knowledge of English reading modern books is impossible. International trade will not be possible without a knowledge of English. International communications is possible only through English. Knowing the mother tongue only will be a handicap. Everyone knows the importance of English language when studying in Universities abroad. Without a knowledge of English you cannot study in a foreign Universities. Translating a lecture into the mother tongue will take a much longer time. Therefore especial benefits are obtained by learning a foreign language. Getting a job in any part of the world will be impossible without a knowledge of English language. Anyone who know the English languages is sure of getting a job anywhere in the world. A knowledge of English or any other foreign languages is very important to do well in life. Learning a foreign language along with the mother tongue is very essential to come up in life. Special benefits could be achieved by knowing a foreign language. Therefore learning a foreign language has a lot of practical values.

Topic 3

A PROJECT I DID FOR THE SCHOOL

A project did for the school could be considered as a project did for community too. My schools prefect board brought a motion to clean, white wash and repair four class rooms of our school. The purpose of the project was to maintain the class room in better condition. At the same time to repair broken furniture of the class room. The four class room belong to Year 11 students. Therefore our prefect board with the permission of the principal called the Year 11 student and their parents and explained to them the purpose of our project. The parents and students extended all co-operations. Most of the pupils were very helpful and corporative. Some of the parents too agreed to work with us. Our prefect board along with the principal and members of the school development committee. Organised a musical entertainment, sold tickets to parents and students and collected enough money. With the money collected we engaged a carpenter got the broken furniture repaired. All the students of the Year 11 class white washed the class room. Some of the old boys helped us to paint the doors and windows of the class room. Some cupboard, cabinets with shelves were provided to each class room. Especially to keep dishes and food materials of the student. The students and parents were very happy of our project. The student got a lot of benefit by the project.



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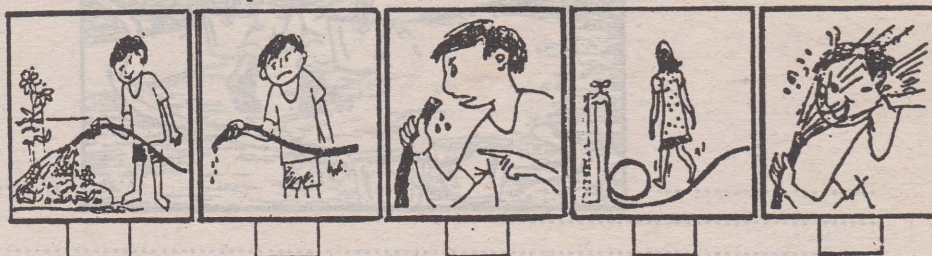
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ENGLISH - PAPER I - One hour

1. **Read and match** the names of the OBJECTS (A) and WHAT YOU DO (B) with them. **Write the letter** of the object in the correct box.

OBJECTS (A)	WHAT YOU DO (B)	
a. A knife	Serve curry	<input type="text"/>
b. A pen	Chop firewood	<input type="text"/>
c. A ruler	Cut vegetables	<input type="text"/>
d. An axe	Write a letter	<input type="text"/>
e. A spoon	Draw a straight line	<input type="text"/>

2. These pictures tell a story. Match the pictures with the sentences. **Write the letter** of the sentence below the correct picture.



- a. He turned the hose up to see what was wrong.
 b. Sarath had a good shower.
 c. Sarath was watering the flowers.
 d. His sister who was standing on the hose stepped away from it.
 e. Suddenly the water stopped.

3. Read the passage given below.

My favourite **radio** programme is 'English For You'. It is broadcast on **Mondays** at 4.15 in the afternoon. **The English** the teacher uses in the programme is very clear. In the programme we learn how to **speak in English**. We also learn about things we see around us. The **last** programme that was broadcast was on **radio waves**. I found it very **interest-**
ing.

Now complete this text using the words given below.

My favourite (1) programme is (2) '..... For You'. It is telecast on (3) at 4.15 in the afternoon. The (4) the teacher uses in the programme is very (5) In the programme we learn about the (6) We also learn about things we see around us. The (7) programme that was (8) was on (9) I found it very (10)

exciting television wonders of nature language science
 first Tuesday simple our environment telecast

4. Given below is a text about the Blue Whale. In each of the lines from (a) to (e) there is one **extra word** that does not fit in. **Underline** that word. Look at the example.

THE BLUE WHALE

The Blue Whale is the largest animal ever to inhabit the earth. Its massive body is over one hundred feet in length and its weight is approximately 120 tons. The blue Whale has lived in the ocean of the world.

- a. for almost a million years. It usually always swims alone
 b. or in the family group of bull, cow and calf.
 c. The bull is the male, the cow is are the female and the calf is
 d. the young whale. The Blue Whale is a vast store for of food and
 e. raw materials. Its body produces as much as twenty tons feet.

Example:- of oil, which are is used to manufacture soap, margarine and oinment. Its bones are used for fertiliser, its tendons are used for making strings for tennis rackets.

5. Look at the picture given below and write what you think is going to happen. Use about 30 words.



6. Read the following SITUATIONS and match them with a suitable ACTION. Write the letter of the situation in the relevant box.

SITUATIONS

- a. A woman carrying a child is standing in the bus
b. You have finished eating your packet of lunch
c. You see a notice in the bus 'Thank you for not smoking'
d. Your teacher enters the classroom
e. You see an old lady waiting to cross the road

ACTION

- ☐ stop smoking
☐ you offer her a seat
☐ put the wrapper in a bin
☐ you help her across
☐ you stand up

7. Your friend gave you an English story book as a present on your birthday. Write a note of thank to your friend. write in about 25 to 30 words.

8. Read the following advertismment and prepare a suitable bio-data sheet to be sent with your application. Do not write a letter.

WANTED OFFICE ASSISTANT.

A foreign funded organaisation requires sn office assistant with some experience in a similar capacity and with a good knowledge of English. Salary negotiable. Age below 20 years.

Managing Director, Smart Office,
Ratnapura.

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ENGLISH -PAPER II - Two hours

9. Read the following letter and enter the necessary information in the diary page given below.

Siri Nivesa,
 Kandy Road,
 Kegalle.
 3rd December, 1995.

Dear Sampath,

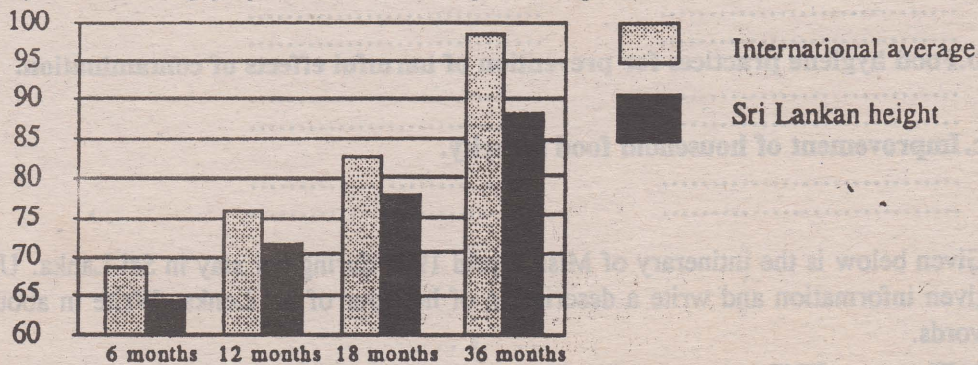
I'm writing in a hurry. Some of our friends have organised a trip to Anuradhapura. We hope to go on 20th December. We have agreed to visit all the places of interest in Anuradhapura. If time permits we will go to Polonnaruwa as well. At first we thought we should spend a few hours at Peradeniya but our parents insist that we visit Athugala at Kurunegala. You may have to pay about five hundred rupees. Hope you will note this down in your diary.

Best wishes,

Ranjith.

1995 December (a) Tuesday
 Ranjith from (b) wrote.
 They are going to (c)
 They also hope to visit (d)
 Amount to be paid (e)

10. Study the following graph and answer the questions given below.



(Chart showing stunting of sri lanka children relative to reference)

- The graph compares two important factors related to human growth. What are they?
 i. ii.
- What are the units used to measure height and age in the graph?
 height:- Age:-
- At six months what is the average height of the Sri Lanka infant?

- d. At twelve months what is the Sri Lankan height and the international average?
Sri Lankan Height:- International average:-
- e. At what age does the height of the Sri Lankan infant differ very much from the international average?

11. As the secretary of the English Literary Association you have been requested to organise an Inter-house Competition on Creative Writing. Write out a notice to be put up on the school notice board. write in about 75 words.

Include the following:-

- a choice of topics.
- the date and time of the competition.
- age limits.
- closing date of applications.
- other necessary details.

12. Given below are three sets of instructions. They are mixed up. Re - order them by writing the number of each instruction under the correct heading.

- i. Wash your hands with soap and water before eating.
- ii. Prepare fresh food for children where possible.
- iii. Use safe drinking water (Purified or boiled and cooled).
- iv. Cultivate food crops including fruit trees appropriate to local conditions to increase food supply for home consumption.
- v. Maintain intergrated farming with home gardens and / or raise livestock and poultry.
- vi. Use sanitary latrines and wash your hands with soap and water after use.
- vii. Mothers, wash your hands with soap and water before preparing and serving food.
- viii. Cover cooked food that must be stored. Do not keep at room temperature for more than one day and reheat before serving.
- ix. Dispose all garbage appropriately.
- x. Use appropriate food storage, processing and preservation techniques to avoid food shortage

a. Safe water and sanitation for improved sanitational status.

b. Food hygiene practices for prevention of harmful effects of contamination.

c. Improvement of household food security.

13. Given below is the intinerary of Miss World 1995 during her stay in Sri Lanka. Use the given information and write a description of her tour of Sri Lanka. Write in about 100 words.

DATE	TIME	PLACE	WHAT SHE DID
20.07.95	09.00 am	Kandy	visited Dalada Maligawa
	02.30 pm	Children's home	watched their entertainment programme
21.07.95	10.00 am	Colombo	exhibition of children's paintings
	02.30 pm	Panadura	Home for the elders
22.07.95	09.30 am	Galle	Home for the physically handicapped
	03.00 pm	Ampalangoda	Tiny Tots Pre-School

14. Read the following advertisement and write a letter of application for the training course. Indicate your choice of times for lectures and practicals and how the fee will be paid. write in about 100 words.

COMPUTER CLASSES.

Aim	:-	To give practice to participants in the use of personal computers.		
Course content	:-	Basic principles of computers; introduction to word processing and statistical analysis package.		
Duration	:-	Three months		
Date of commencement	:-	15th January 1996.		
Times	:-	Lecture - 8.30 am	-	1.30 pm on Saturdays
			OR	
		2.30 pm	-	7.30 pm on Sundays
		Practice - 8.30 am	-	10.30 am
			OR	
		12.30 pm	-	2.30 pm on Sundays
Course Fee	:-	Rs.7500.00 per participant		
		(Payments can be made in three instalments)		

Write to :-

The Register,
Institute of Basic Computing,
Lotus Lane,
Colombo 05.

15. Read the following text and answer the questions given below.

Are some people born clever and others born stupid? Or is intelligence developed by our environment and our experience? Strangely enough, the answer to both these questions is yes. To some extent our intelligence is given us at birth, and no amount of special education can make a genius out of child born with low intelligence. On the other hand, a child who lives in a boring environment will develop his intelligence less than one who lives in rich and varied surroundings. Thus the limits of a person's intelligence are fixed at birth. but whether or not he reaches those limits will depend on his environment. This view, now held by most experts, can be supported in a number of ways.

It is easy to show that intelligence is to some extent something we are born with. The closer the blood relationship between two people, the closer they are likely to be in intelligence. Thus if we take two unrelated people at random from the population, it is likely

that their degrees of intelligence will be completely different. If on the other hand we take identical twins, they will very likely be as intelligent as each other. Relations like brothers and sisters, parents and children, usually have similar intelligence, and this clearly suggests that intelligence depends on birth.

Imagine now that we take identical twins and put them in different environments. We might send one, for example, to a university and the other to a factory where the work is boring. We would soon find differences in intelligence developing, and this indicates that environment as well as birth plays a part. This conclusion is also suggested by the fact that people who live in close contact with each other, but who are not related at all, are likely to have similar degrees of intelligence.

a. What is the relationship between intelligence and birth?

.....

b. Write one piece of evidence to show that the environment can affect one's intelligence.

.....

Given below are some main points. match them with the three paragraphs in the passage
 Write the number of the main point in the correct box.

PARAGRAPH

MAIN POINTS

(c) ☐

(i) There is a close relationship between blood and intelligence.

(d) ☐

(ii) Intelligence is developed by the environment.

(e) ☐

(iii) Close relations have similar intelligence.

(iv) Intelligence is established at birth but is developed by the environment.

(v) Both the environment and birth determine an individual's intelligence.

Given below are three topics and the points of view of three different individuals on these topics. Choose ONE of the TOPICS and write an article to a national newspaper agreeing or disagreeing.

Either
 TOPIC 1

The School - a centre for gaining knowledge, thinking enquiring and building values to develop a balanced individual

- The range of subjects in the school curriculum gives scope for gaining knowledge.
- Arts subjects help to develop good values and good thinking.
- Science based subjects build up an enquiring mind.

or
 TOPIC 2

The community of school children

- The school, a place for healthy competition
- The school, a place to experience living in a community
- The learning atmosphere at school, a place for individual development with group co-operation

or
 TOPIC 3

Our cultural heritage

- Places of historical and cultural importance should be protected.
- Traditionally important practices and customs should be passed on to the younger generations.
- The arts and clothing native to the country should be fostered.

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ENGLISH - PAPER I - ANSWERS

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d
a
b
c
2.

c	e	a	d	b
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3. (01). Television (02). Science (03). Tuesday
 (04). Language (05). Simple (06). Wonders of nature
 (07). First (08). Telecast (09). Our Environment
 (10). Exciting

4. a. for almost a million years. It usually always swims alone
 b. or in the family group of bull, cow and calf.
 c. The bull is the male, the cow is are the female and the calf is
 d. the young whale. The Blue Whale is a vast store for of food and
 e. raw materials. Its body produces as much as twenty tons feet.

5. The firemen are going to bring the fire under control. They are going to stop work . They are going to survey the building for any casualties. They are also going to assess the damage.

6.

c
a
b
e
d
7. Dear Raj;

Thank you very much for the book you gave me as birthday present. It is such an interesting book. I read it twice. It is a valuable present.

8. Bio Data

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|-------------------------------|----|---|
| 1. Full Name | :- | Kandiah Yoganathan. |
| 2. Surname | :- | Kandiah. |
| 3. Sex | :- | Male. |
| 4. Nationality | :- | Sri Lankan. |
| 5. Date of Birth | :- | 1976 - 04 - 10 (Age 20 years) |
| 6. Civil Status | :- | Bachelor. |
| 7. Address | :- | 10, David Road, Jaffna. |
| 8. Educational Qualifications | :- | G.C.E. A/L. |
| | | Botany - A |
| | | Zoology - B |
| | | Chemistry - S |
| | | Physics - S |
| 9. Other Qualifications | :- | Computer Basic Language, Pitman Type writing. |
| 10. Language ability | :- | English - Spoken & Written - (good) |
| | | Tamil - Spoken & Written - (good) |
| | | Sinhala - Spoken - (Satisfactory) |
| 11. Previous Experience | :- | Secretary Y.M.C.A. Jaffna, Office Assistant - R.R.O. Kilinochchi. |
| 12. Refrees | :- | 1. Mr. K. Logeswaran.
Chairman,
R.R.O.,
Kilinochchi. |
| | | 2. Mr. M. Thambirajah,
President,
Y.M.C.A.,
Jaffna. |

Date:-

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Signature:-

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9. 1995 December (a) 20th / 20 / 3rd / 3.
Ranjith from (b) Kegalle / Sri Nivasa, Kandy Road, Kegalle.
They are going to (c) Anuradhapura.
They also hope to visit (d) Polonnaruwa and Kurunegala / Polonnaruwa and Athugala.
Amount to be paid (e) Rs. 500/=

10. (a). i. Age ii. Height.
(b). height :- cms / centimeters Age:- months
(c). 64 cms / 64.5 cms
(d). 72 cms / 72.5 cms. Int. Average :- 76 cms / 76.5 cms
(e). 36 months / 36 mts.

11. **Notice.**

The English Literary Association will conduct an Essay competition. The subject will be 'English for peace'. The competition is open to the members only. It will be held on 19th February 1996 at 9.30 am at the School Hall. The time given will be 1½ hours. The Essay should not exceed 300 words. Entries close with the secretary on 10th February 1996. The verdict of the Judges will be final.

Hony. Secretary,
English Literary Association,
Hindu College,
Vavuniya.

- 12.a. Safe water and sanitation for improved sanitational status.
 iii, vi, ix.
b. Food hygiene practices for prevention of harmful effects of contamination.
 i, ii, vii, viii.
c. Improvement of household food security.
 iv, v, x.

13. Miss. Iswarya Rai, Miss world 1995 visited Sri Lanka last July. A brief but busy programme awaited her. She visited Dalada Maligawa as her first programme on the 20th July. She offered flowers and went round the Maligawa. In the afternoon she visited children's home where she watched their entertainment on the following day. She opened the exhibition of children's paintings at the art gallery and spoke to children. On the same afternoon she paid a visit to the home for the elders at Panadura. Final day of her visit was spent at Galle. She visited the home for physically handicapped. She conducted her tour after spending time with little children at the Tiny Tots Pre-School at Ambalangoda.

14. The Register,
Institute of Basic Computing,
Lotus Lane,
Colombo - 5.

Sir;

Reference your advertisement in the Sunday Observer, I wish to follow the Computer classes. I prepare afternoon classes on Sundays from 2.30 pm to 7.30 pm. Practicals also prepare on Sundays from 12.30 pm to 2.30 pm. I am prepared to pay the fees in three instalments. Enclosed is a cheque for Rs; 2,500/= being the first instalment. Please enrol me as a student and let me know the date on which I should report. I also wish to have all the instructions and literature of the class.

Your truly,
L. Sharu.

15.a. Intelligence is fixed at birth.

b. If identical twins are put in different environments we find differences in intelligence developing.

* University and Factory

* Boring environment and rich and varied environment

c

iv	and or	v
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d

iii	and or	i
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e

ii	and or	v
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16. 1.

The School

A centre for gaining knowledge, thinking, enquiring and building values to develop a balanced individual.

School can be compared to factories which turn out various products out of raw materials. Schools too; make useful citizens by process of education, character building, training in leadership and making a full man.

When a child is sent to school for the first time he enters a new surrounding which is different from his home environment. The school imparts knowledge to him. The child receives that knowledge develops it and increases it day by day. He is taught to use the language, learn to use numbers, learn about the environment in which he lives and learns modern science. Besides these he learns to do things not individually but collectively. He learns social values of life.

The study of science is an important subject in the school curriculum. Science is so important that everything that we do is connected to it. Besides the knowledge children develop an enquiring mind. They learn to debate and ask questions before they make a decision. This trains them to be useful citizens. After a school career a raw, shy and innocent child is made a knowledgeable, useful and able man.

Physical exercises are necessary for any person. Children always play, they are also taught games and sports. Sports help him to develop his body and mind. It teaches him to accept victory and defeat, teaches him caring and sharing. These qualities build a person to be a balanced person.

School caters to all aspects of life. Imparting knowledge, building a good physique character building teaching leadership and to accept victory and defeat. So schools are institutions that build a society.

2.

The Community of School Children.

Life is complete only when you live in a community. A community is a group of people coming from different backgrounds. Living in a community means respecting other people and their ideas and getting others to respect our ideas. The school is a place that provides a training in community living.

Children come from different families. They only know ideas and habits that are followed in their families. In the school they meet children who come from other families. When they meet they are exposed to habits, beliefs and ideas that are completely new

to them. So, they learn to adjust themselves to suit their needs. When getting together they have to give and take, accept and reject, agree and disagree. This teaches them the first lesson through healthy Competitions.

In a school; achievements are generally collective. Individual achievements are with group co-operation. So any child irrespective of his home or background has to adjust himself to live in a community, when he learns to adjust he learns community living.

The school provides community life. It gives training in all the fields of life. The class room gives ample opportunities for healthy competitions. It also opens avenues to help others and receive help. It teaches social values like respecting parents, teachers, elders and others. The class room and the sportsfield train them to accept victory and defeat.

We can come to conclusion without any doubt that the school lays the foundation for community life. And it is on this foundation a healthy, happy and sociable society is built.

3. Our Cultural heritage.

Sri Lankans are proud of their cultural heritage. Our culture is unique. It has the history of a few centuries, It influences our hospitality and our traditional ways of life.

Our country's history recorded after the visit of Prince Vijaya shows that there were several Kingdoms and Kings. Our Country was invaded by foreigners even before the Portuguese. The Portuguese the Dutch the English ruled our country for more than three centuries. In spite of this foreign rule our traditional customs, our ways of life have been passed from generation to generation. Although foreign influence was a threat, our culture survived. We are proud to see people practising them even today.

We have our traditional temple festivals, marriages, funerals and other activities. We are proud of our ruins in Kandy, Annuradhapura, Pollonaruwa, Sigiri and Dambulla. They are evidence of our past glory. Our traditional art paintings and monuments are so fine that foreigners are thrilled when they see them. Our Architecture is one of the best in the world.

These heritage should be preserved. The government should do all what it can to preserve these, schools and places of worship can play a leading role to pass our heritage to the younger generations.

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One hour

1. Read the following advertisements (A) and the products (B) they advertise and match them. **WRITE the LETTER of the ADVERTISEMENT IN THE CORRECT BOX.**
 (Time: 5 Minutes, Marks: 5)

ADVERTISEMENTS (A)

PRODUCTS (B)

(a) Tristo Bakers for bread, cakes and buns

pineapples

(b) Buy all your stationery from pencils to Stencils at Ratna Bookshop

short sleeved shirts

(c) "Green Fingers"
for all your vegetables and fruits

red roses

(d) "Flora Florists"
for fresh flowers - anthuriums
and all varieties of roses and lilies

exercise books

(e) Ready-made garments
from baby shirts to trousers and frocks
available here at "look Fit"

chocolate cakes

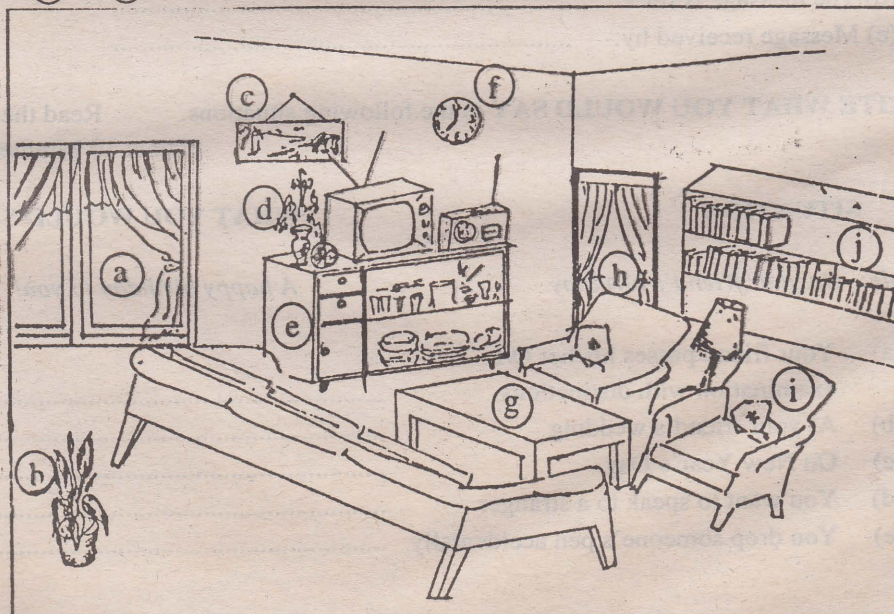
2. Match the following pictures with the correct heading. **WRITE the CORRECT LETTER** of the heading in the box.
 (Time: 5 Minutes, Marks: 5)



THE HEADINGS

(a) No smoking (b) Do not litter (c) Cross here (d) Silent zone (e) do not spit here

3. Look at the picture given below and **WRITE** out the **NAMES** of the **TEN THINGS** that are marked (a) to (j) on the picture.
 (Time: 5 Minutes, Marks: 5)



- (a) (f)
 (b) (g)
 (c) (h)
 (d) (i)
 (e) (j)

4. In the space given below **WRITE** out your friend's **NAME** and **ADDRESS**

(Time: 5Minutes, Marks: 5)

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5. Read the following telephone message and **COMPLETE** the **GIVEN STATEMENTS**.

(Time: 10 Minutes, Marks: 5)

8th December

To
 Mahen Thambipillai
 Rex Tennakoon called at ten. He wants you to ring
 him back immediately.
 Mohammed Ismail.

- (a) Name of Caller:-
 (b) The time he called:-
 (c) The Message :-
 (d) The message is for:-
 (e) Message received by:-

6. **WRITE WHAT YOU WOULD SAY** in the following situations.

Read the example.

(Time: 10 Minutes, Marks: 5)

SITUATION

WHAT YOU WOULD SAY

Example:- On your friend's birthday

A happy birthday to you!

- (a) Your friend passes his/her O/L examination with distinctions
 (b) At your friend's wedding
 (c) On New Year's Day
 (d) You want to speak to a stranger
 (e) You drop someone's pen accidentally

7. Read the following notice. Then Complete the Given statements

(Time: 10 Minutes, Marks: 10)

New Year Celebrations 1995

1st Dec. 94

We hope to share our New Year joys with the little ones at the Children's Home, Kadawatha this year. Please be generous. Bring some clothes, shoes, toys and sweets to brighten the day of a child. Your gifts should be handed over to the **Social Welfare Officer before 20th December.**

Secretary

Young Volunteers' Association

- (a) The gifts are for the celebrations.
 (b) The gifts will be given to the at Kadawatha.
 (c) The gifts will be collected by the
 (d) The gifts should be brought before
 (e) The notice is written by the of the Young Volunteers' Association.
8. Choose the correct answer given within brackets to form a **COMPLETE PARAGRAPH** about the **MILKMAN** or the **BAKER**. Then write it in the space given below.

(Time: 10 Minutes, Marks: 10)

The (milkman / baker) comes to our doorstep everyday. He brings fresh (bread / milk) in (bottles / baskets). My mother buys two (loaves / bottles) of (milk / bread) almost everyday. In addition, she lets my brother and me buy either (cream buns / yoghurt) or (toast bread / ice cream). Sometimes my father comes out when he hears the bell. When he comes he buys two different kinds of (milk / bread). He buys one (loaf / bottle) of (sandwich bread / pasteurised milk) and the other plain.

WRITE THE PARAGRAPH HERE.

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ENGLISH PAPER II

Two hours

9. Read the following text and complete each blank with the second half of the word.

There is a blank for each letter.

(Time: 10 Minutes, Marks: 5)

Animals can often sense things that we can't. Birds can feel a storm coming through minute changes in air pressure in their hollow wing bones (feather quills). Dogs can hear sounds many times higher, and, lower, than we can. They wi___ (a) often Fe___ (b) death i___ (c) a ho___ (d) and be___ (e) to ho___ (f) long bef___ (g) a person actu___ (h) dies. Normally w___ (i) cannot se___ (j) radio waves either, though the air around is full of radio transmissions from a thousand sources far and near. Some people claim, however, that they hear radio signals through the bones of their skulls.

10. Read the following passage and list the information according to the headings given.

(Time: 10 Minutes, Marks: 5)

Childhood is a stage of human life lasting from the end of babyhood at about 18 months of age until the beginning of adolescence at 12 to 14 years. As babyhood ends and childhood begins, four important changes occur. Children learn to walk and run, which allows them to explore without adult help. They begin to use language to communicate with others. They start to think and solve simple problems by using symbols and remembered knowledge about the world around them. Finally, they begin to observe and imitate the people around them.

Childhood is divided into two major stages. Early childhood lasts from 18 months to 6 years. Late childhood lasts from about 6 years to 12 or 14 years of age. During each of these stages children change in their use of language, their ways of thinking, their behaviour and the way they interact with one another, and their understanding of themselves and others.

During early childhood, adults and older children care for children's physical and safety needs. They also help children to learn skills and values, to acquire knowledge that will prepare them to live in their family and community. Throughout childhood, children are gradually given more independence and responsibility for their own behaviour. In many societies, childhood is followed by adolescence, a further time of preparation and learning for adulthood. However, in some parts of the world children of about 14 are treated as adults, and begin work, marry and become parents.

(a) The four important changes from babyhood to childhood

- (i)
- (ii)
- (iii)
- (iv)

(b) The two major stages of childhood

age

- (i)
- (ii)

(c) What adults and older children do for the young child

- (i)
- (ii)

11. Write a letter to your aunt to find out whether she has the book "Swami and friends" by R. K. Narayan.

Include the following in your letter:-

- inquire about her health.
- tell her that you will read the book and return it in two months.
- wish her well.

Use 75 - 100 words.

(Time: 15 Minutes, Marks: 5)

12. Write a description of a person you know very well.
(That person can be a relation, a friend or a teacher.)

Use the following points:-

- Where she / he lives
- why you like this person
- any special qualities you like in the person

13. Read the following poem and answer the given questions. (Time: 15 Minutes, Marks: 5)

Always smiling, fresh and clean

The people on my TV screen.

Singers perfect, lovers true

Skins unwrinkled, skies of blue.

Wonder foods and magic pills

To bring success and cure all ills.

Even news films, shrewdly cut,

Avoid the worst that life deals out

Fights - but no-one really dies.

Happy endings - pleasant lies.

A make-up wizard for my face.

Someone to edit my disgrace

Some stunt man ready for my fall

True love, blue skies - how nice if all

Existence could be so serene

As life is on my TV screen.

- (a) Who is smiling always?

- (b) Underline the adjectives in the following lines.

Singers perfect, lovers true

Skins unwrinkled, skies of blue

- (c) Write out the words from the poem which have the same meanings as the following.

(i) not weary

(ii) keep away

(iii) a good result

(iv) calm and clear

- (d) The poet says that two things bring success and good health. What are they?

(i)

(ii)

- (e) Write out the lines which say that the life shown on the TV screen is not the life we see around.

14. You want to write an article to the children's page of an English daily newspaper. Use One of the topics given below and write an article using the given guidelines.

Use about 150 words.

(Time: 20 Minutes, Marks: 10)

(i) My most interesting day in school

(ii) The day I was "The Teacher" in the class

(iii) The day I will not forget as the class monitor

GUIDELINES:

- What happened that day
- What you cannot easily forget on that day.

15. Read the following text. Then fill in the missing words and complete it. Use the words given below. (Time: 15 Minutes, Marks: 10)

In non-scientific terms we might imagine that the body needs sleep to refresh itself, like recharging an electrical battery. People who are ill or (a) usually need a lot of (b). We spend about a third (c) our lives asleep, and our (d) relatives sleep too, so it (e) be important. Yet research in (f) laboratories has not shown clearly (g) reasons for sleeping. In general (h) is thought that certain body (i) can be replenished during sleep, (j) the mind may sort out (k) masses of information it received (l) the day. Much is known (m) what happens during sleep. The (n) temperature and pulse rate fall, (o) relax, and breathing becomes slow (p) steady. The blood levels of (q) hormones rise while others fall. (r) the body is not totally (s). The heart still pumps, the (t) digest, and the sleeping person changes position occasionally.

about	and	body	but	chemicals
during	intestines	it	mammal	muscles
must	of	recovering	some	sleep
sleep	still	the	the	while

16. As the President of the Past Pupils' Association of your old school you are requested to give a speech to the members at the next meeting of the Association.

You are asked to speak on One of the following topics.

Write your speech using guidelines given below.

Do not use more than 200 words. (Time: 20 Minutes, Marks: 10)

The topics

- (i) A happy family - the foundation to a balanced society
- (ii) Save plants that save us.
- (iii) a healthy mind in a healthy body .

The **GUIDELINES:** Say how the two factors in each topic relate to each other.

That is

- (i) A happy family to balanced society
- (ii) Saving of plants to the saving of all living beings
- (iii) A healthy mind to a healthy body

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1. (a) ☐c (b) ☐e (c) ☐d (d) ☐b (e) ☐a

2. ☐d ☐c ☐b ☐a ☐e

3. (a) door (f) wall clock
 (b) Indoor plant (g) centre table
 (c) wall hanger (h) curtain
 (d) flower vase (i) cushion
 (e) cabinet (j) book shelf

4.

Mr. K. Ramanan,
 10, College Road,
 Chunnakam

5. (a) Rex Tennakoon (b) 10 O'Clock (c) ring him back Immediately
 (d) Mahen Thambipillai (e) Mohammed Ismail

6. (a) congratulations (b) Best Wishes
 (c) all the best for the New year (d) Excuse me please
 (e) I am sorry

7. (a) New year (b) Children's Home
 (c) Social Welfare Officer (d) 20th December
 (e) Secretary

8. The milkman comes to our doorstep everyday. He brings fresh milk in bottles. My mother buys two bottles of milk almost everyday. In addition, She lets my brother and me buy either yoghurt or ice-cream. Sometimes my father comes out when he hears the bell. When he comes, he buys two different kinds of milk. He buys one bottle of pasteurised milk and the other plain.

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9. Will (a) Feel (b) in (c) House (d)
 begin (e) howl (f) before (g) actually (h)
 we (i) sense (j)

10. (a) (i) Learns to walk and run and explore without adult help.
 (ii) Begins to use language to communicate.

- (iii) Thinks and solves simple problems.
 (iv) Observes and imitates people around them.
- (b) (i) Early childhood - 18 months - 6 years
 (ii) Late childhood - 6 years - 12 to 14 years
- (c) (i) Care for children's physical and safety needs.
 (ii) Help children to learn skills and values.
- 11.

11. 32, E.S. Fernando Mawatta
 Colombo - 6
 30th Dec. 1994

My dear Aunt,

I was very happy to receive your letter yesterday. I am glad that you are coming next month to stay with us.

Please write to me about your health. I am studying hard for my December examination.

I want to know whether you have the book "Swami and friends" written by the well known author R. K. Narayan.

If you have the book please be good enough to send me the same by next post. I will read the book and return it to you in two months. I will be much obliged if you send the book early.

I wish you a happy New year.

with love

Ranjan.

12. I cannot forget my dear friend Sunder who is very much attached to me. He lives in Nallur, Jaffna. Both of us had been friends for a number of years. Our friendship started when we were in the year one class. Now both of us are in year 11 class. He comes from a respectable family. His father is a doctor. I like my friend very much because he is like one of our family members. He has some good qualities in him. He always encourages me to study hard. When I fall sick he takes me to his father. His father takes extra care over me. My friend always accompany me wherever I go. He is very good in his maths. As such he spent lot of time to teach me maths. I will always remember him.
13. (a) The people on the TV screen.
 (b) Perfect true unwrinkled blue
 (c) (i) fresh (ii) avoid (iii) success (iv) serene
 (d) (i) wonder foods (ii) magic pills
 (e) True love, blue skies - how nice if all Existence could be so serene.
 As life on is on my TV screen.
14. My childhood ambition was to become a teacher. My dream came true when I was appointed as a teacher at my old school.

On the first day, I went to school nervously and handed over my letter of appointment to the Principal who happened to be my old teacher. He wished me good luck and gave my time table.

As I walked into my classroom the students stood up and said "Good morning teacher". I greeted them and told them to sit down.

I wound up the class teaching them a stanza from Thirukural. The children enjoyed it very much. It was really enjoyable.

I was also happy and proud that I had taught a good axiom on my first day itself. The couplet that I taught which they rejoiced is :-

The learned are said to have eyes, the unlearned merely have two sores in their face.

15. (a) recovering (b) sleep. (c) of (d) Mammal (e) Must
 (f) sleep (g) the (h) it (i) chemicals (j) while
 (k) the (l) during (m) about (n) body (o) muscles
 (p) and (q) some (r) but (s) still (t) intestines

16. The Principal, members of the past pupils association, I being the President of the Past pupils Association have been requested to deliver a speech to you all on the heading "Save plants that save us"

As you all know the saving of Plants will lead to the saving of all living beings. Dear members, during the past decade you know the word deforestation was a frequently used word in our daily news papers and also by the members of parliament. A lot of work was done by the Housing and Construction Ministry. Deforestation was done by the same Ministry for building houses. Not only trees were cut down in the forests but also in urban areas. Of late the state has decided to prevent the cutting down of trees. The state was informed of the danger of cutting down of trees. The cutting down of trees, and plants led so many dangers. Rainfall is badly effected, unexpected change of monsoon, affected the farmers. Crops were badly damaged. People who live in the coastal areas started cutting down trees and plants along the coastal areas.

This all of you know led to the erosion of soil along the coastal areas. This led to sea water eating up the land areas. The cutting down of trees led to the gradual eating up of land. All you know that trees help prevent the erosion of soil getting worn away. Now the state has started a move to replant trees. The motive of the government is "save the plants and save us". Thanking you all for listening to me.



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INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE (SECOND LANGUAGE) - ENGLISH

PAPER I

One Hour

1. MATCH these PLANS and their REASONS. Write the LETTER of the plan in the correct box. First one has been done for you.
(Time : 5 minutes, Marks : 5)

PLANS :

REASONS

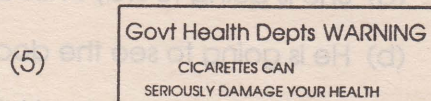
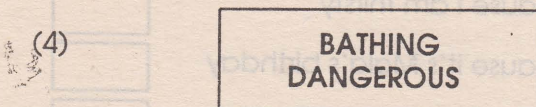
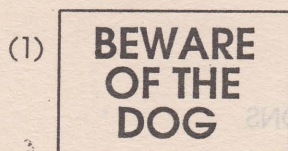
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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| (a) She is going to stay in bed | - because I am thirsty | <input type="text"/> |
| (b) He is going to see the doctor | - because it's Mala's birthday | <input type="text"/> |
| (c) I am going to have a drink | - because we enjoy the game | <input type="text"/> |
| (d) I am going to buy a present | - because it's not very far | <input type="text"/> |
| (e) They are going to walk home | - because he feels ill | <input type="text"/> |
| (f) We are going to play cricket | - because she has got fever | <input type="text" value="a"/> |

2. Read how Sunil, Ajith and Ganesh scored marks at their school Mid Year Test and answer the questions given below. (Time : 5 minutes, Marks : 5)

Subjects	Sunil	Ajith	Ganesh
Sinhala/Tamil	80	70	84
English	74	64	66
Science	65	54	65
Mathematics	56	50	52
Religion	76	74	60
Wood work	60	70	62
Commerce	80	69	86
Social Studies	85	74	80
Total	576	525	555

- (a) How many marks did Sunil score for religion?
- (b) Who scored the highest mark for English?
- (c) Which subject seems to be the most difficult for all three?
- (d) Write the total marks scored by Ajith.
- (e) What is the lowest mark scored by Ganesh?

3. MATCH the following PICTURES with the SENTENCES. Write the NUMBER of the picture in the correct box. There is an extra sentence.
(Time : 5 minutes, Marks : 5)



- (a) If you go swimming here, you will never be seen again!
- (b) Do not sit there or you will get covered in it.
- (c) Be careful or you might slip and fall.
- (d) You must give up or you might get cancer.
- (e) If you are not careful, it might bite.
- (f) If you wash it, it might shrink.

4. Read the following events in the 'Today's Events' column in a newspaper. Then answer the questions given below.

TODAY'S EVENTS	
8.30 a. m	A photographic Exhibition "Wonders of Nature" organized by the Wild Life Society at the Art Gallery, Colombo 7.
9.00 a. m	Opening of a new children's ward at General Hospital Galle. Chief Guest Dr. Milton Frost.
10.00 a. m	Tamil Literacy Day at Town Hall Chilaw. Guest Speaker Prof. Arul Sivam.
1.30 p. m	District Volleyball meet at 'Suhada Grounds' Badulla.
2.00 p.m	Monthly meeting of the Sunshine Sports Club at Royal Beach Hotel, Bentota.

- (a) Which event is at 2 p.m?.....
- (b) Where is 'Suhada Grounds'?.....
- (c) What is the name of the photographic exhibition?.....
- (d) At what time will Dr. Milton Frost be at General Hospital, Galle?.....
- (e) What is the event at Town Hall Chilaw?.....

5. Read the following paragraph about Rita and write a similar PARAGRAPH about Rajendra OR Nizam.
(Time : 10 minutes, Marks: 5)

Rita travelled to Japan and stayed with her pen-friend Miyura whose first language is Japanese. She liked the cherry blossoms most. She returned on the first of July.

	RITA	RAJENDRA	NIZAM
TRAVELLED TO	Japan	Spain	Pakistan
STAYED WITH	Miyura	Pedro	Cassim
FIRST LANGUAGE	Japanese	Spanish	Urdu
LIKED MOST	Cherry blossoms	bull fighting	mountains
RETURNED ON	July 1st	May 10th	June 5th

6. You want to send a picture postcard of Anuradhapura to your pen-friend, Misako Misukoshi at 15, Kumagai, Wakamatsu, Japan.
Write :- - 2 3 sentences about Anuradhapura (about 15 words)
- your pen-friend's address in the correct place
(Time : 10 minutes, Marks : 5)

AIR MAIL	
<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 50px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

7. Here are some activities that you would like to do after the examination. Select the ONE you like best and say why you want to do it and how you are going to do it.
- learn to cook
 - grow vegetables in the garden
 - help father in the field/in his business
 - learn a new language

Use about 20 - 25 words.

(Time : 15 minutes, Marks : 10)

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INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE (SECOND LANGUAGE) - ENGLISH

PAPER II Tow Hours

8. This is part of a page from a dictionary. Read it and answer the questions given below.

(Time : 10 minutes, Marks : 5)

put back. 1. If you put something back to a later time, you postpone it. EG We've had to put back the seminar again. to put the clock back: see clock.

2. To put something back also means to delay it or slow it down. EG This will put production back at least a month.

3. If you put back alcoholic drink, you drink a large amount of it in a short time: an informal use. EG I'd put back a fair amount of gin.

Put by. If you put by a sum of money or supply of something, you place it in a bank, store, etc so that you can use it at a later time. EG It's always a good idea to have something put by.

Put down. 1. If you put down something that you are holding or carrying, you put it onto a surface, for example onto the floor or a table. EG Marsha put her cup down... I put down my glass... Her chair was put down in the middle of the stage.

2. When you put down words, sentences, etc. you write or type them somewhere. EG Put down what we've just said... For profession he put down simply business man.

3. When soldiers, police, or other people in authority put down a riot or rebellion, they stop it by using force against the people who are taking part in it. EG It was his duty to put down any internal trouble.... Some of these riots are put down by the local police.

4. If you put someone down, you behave in a way that makes them appear foolish, especially by ridiculing things that they say, an informal use. EG A lot of people will be delighted to see him put down.... her infuriating habit of putting people down in small ways.

bishop put in.... 'But didn't you hear what said?' put in Sally Jones to put in a good word for someone: see word.

4. When voters put in a particular person, government, etc, that person or government is elected. EG They put in a new regime.... The voters turned that party out and put in its rival.

5. When a ship puts in or puts into a harbour, it goes into harbour for a short time. EG Sooner or later a ship will put in here..... We might have to put into Hammerfest for shelter.... We were refused permission to put in at Corfu.

6. If you put something in, you fix it, fit it, or plant it somewhere. EG Sewerage facilities would be put in.... We're having a new sink unit put in..... the straw, berry plants I'd seed her putting in earlier in the year.

put off. 1.

If you put something off, you delay doing it. EG They kept putting off signing the paper.... Don't put it off till tomorrow.

2. If you put someone off, 2.1 you tell them that you are not yet able to do something that they have asked you to do. EG I'm sorry, but I can't put him off any longer. 2.2 you cause them to change their mind and not do or have something that they were intending to do or have. EG Nothing would put her off once she had made up her mind... Senator Ervin was not to be put off by the President's claim to put someone off their stroke see stroke.

3. To put someone off something means to disgust or offend them slightly so that they do not want to do, have, or experience it. EG I had seen enough to put me off farmwork.

(a) 'You put down your name on a list'. Find one word for put down from this page.

(b) Find a phrase which means the same as disgust or offend.....

(c) They put in a new regime. Find the meaning of put in.....

(d) You save some money for later use. What is the phrase you select from this page: some money.

(e) To postpone a meeting is the same as to a meeting.

9. Read the following weather forecast for tomorrow and answer the questions given below. (Time : 10 minutes, Marks : 5)

WEATHER

South west monsoon conditions prevail over the island. There will be showers or thundershowers at many places in the Central, Sabaragamuwa and Western provinces and in Galle and Matara districts. Rain may be fairly heavy at some places and may be accompanied by fairly strong westerly to south westerly winds.

Showers will occur at a number of places in ^{the} North Central and North Western provinces.

Isolated showers or thundershowers are likely in the Uva and Eastern provinces particularly during the afternoon or evening.

Sea area off west and south west coasts will be rough with fairly strong winds and occasional showers, Sea areas off west coast will be fairly rough.

- (a) What are the two districts mentioned here?.....
- (b) Will it be a good day for fishermen along the west coast?.....
- (c) Which monsoon has set in?.....
- (d) What sort of weather will the Uva province have during afternoon or evening?.....
- (e) Which parts of the coast will have occasional showers?.....
10. These are some diary notes written by Suji during the last school holidays. Read them and complete the diary page. Write only the underlined words against the correct date. (Time : 10 minutes, Marks : 5)

- A great day. Very different from the usual. Went to Kandekelle jungle behind uncle Piyal's house. Carved our names on a huge tree and wrote 17.08.93.
- Second day after Kandekelle. We spent the whole day today at home. Pressed the flowers and leaves we collected.
- We arrived at the station and uncle Piyal met us. The trains weren't crowded because it was a Monday.
- We had a picnic by the river. Feel tired after yesterday's visit to Kandekelle.
- We went to the market place today. I bought a small purse for mother and a pen for father at the Friday fair.

SUNDAY	15	Did a lot of packing up today.
MONDAY	16	.....
TUESDAY	17	.....
WEDNESDAY	18	.....
THURSDAY	19	.....
FRIDAY	20	.....
SATURDAY	21	Felt sad to say goodbye.

13. Read the following poem and answer the questions given below.

(Time : 10 minutes, Marks : 5)

There is not much that I can do,
For I've no money that 's quite my own!
Spoke up the pitying child -

A little boy with a violin
At the station before the train came in, -
'But I can play my fiddle to you,
And a nice one 'tis, and good in tone !'

The man in the handcuffs smiled;
The constable looked, and he smiled, too,
As the fiddle began to twang;
And the man in the handcuffs suddenly sang

With grimful glee:

This life so free

Is the thing for me!

And the constable smiled, and said no word,
As if unconscious of what he heard;
And so they went on till the train came in -
The convict, and the boy with the violin.

- (a) How many people are mentioned in this poem ?
- (b) Where does this take place ?.....
- (c) Find a word from the poem that rhymes with 'heard'
- (d) Write the word which says that the boy was feeling sorry.....
- (e) Write in your own words what the convict says in his song.....

14. Read the following text and answer the questions given below.

(Time : 15 minutes, Marks : 10)

I stayed out in the forest nearly all that day because the baby kept on crying. It was dark, and the window was lit up when I came home, and still the baby was fretting. Its eyes were gone dull, and it would not go to sleep in the night, though mother kept walking up and down, crooning and mumbling to it, and rocking it in her arms. She said it was very ill, and she held it pressed close to her, I asked her if it was going to die, but she walked a little faster, and, as I was very sleepy, we did not talk much that night.

After breakfast I told mother I was going down to the old pool to fish, and that I would bring her some fish for dinner. But she looked at me and called me to her.

The baby is dreadfully ill, she said, 'and we must go without the fish. Feel its poor thin hot hands: That's the fever, Do you love it? Then take it in your arms.'

But I shook my head. It looked very ugly because its face was all puckered up, and just wailed and wailed like a fly in the air.

'I think I would like to go fishing, mother'. I said, 'and I promise you shall have the biggest catch'.

But she kept on persisting that the baby was too ill to wait, and that I must go for the doctor in the village. It wasn't so very far, she said, and I could fish tomorrow.

'But it is far,' I told her, 'and it doesn't look so very bad,, and it might be windy and cold tomorrow. It's only crying', I said. And I ran out before she could catch me.

But I did not catch any fish, I suppose they would not bite because I had been wicked. So I tied up my lines, and came home about three in the afternoon. The baby was not crying now, when I went in. But my mother didn't turn her head to speak to me. She was kneeling beside its old rocking-cradle, some of her hair hanging down on her shoulders.

'Shall I go for the doctor now, mother ? It'll be dark before I get back.' Mother turned on me very wild. 'Oh you coward, you coward,' she said Dark - It's dark enough for me.

(a) Why did the boy wish to stay out in the forest?

.....

(b) Write down the two sentences in the passage which show that the boy had not realised that the baby was seriously ill.

.....

.....

(c) Why did the boy change his mind?

.....

(d) What does the mother mean by 'It's dark enough for me'?

.....

(e) The boy felt extremely sorry for what had happened. Write in about 20 words what you think he would have said to his mother begin with : Mother, I'm so sorry.....

.....

.....

15. Here is a letter that appeared recently in the 'Health Corner' in one of the local newspapers where readers ask for advice.

YOU AND YOUR HEALTH

By Auntie Kusum

Dear Auntie,

I eat too much. I'm getting fatter day by day. I know I shouldn't eat so much. But I can't help myself. My parents think it's a good thing. But I'm really worried. Can you help me to overcome this problem?

A worried child
from Chilaw

Read the above letter and write a suitable answer giving some advice to the worried child.

Include the following:

- a few kind words
- how this habit could be controlled
- some examples of non fattening food
- other ways of becoming thin

Use about 100 words.

(Time : 15 minutes, marks : 10)

16. You have been asked to write an article about your town or village to a foreign magazine.

Write the article using the following guidelines :

- nature of people who live there
- what jobs they do
- interesting places in the area
- what a foreigner could do in the evenings and weekends

Use about 200 words

(Time : 20 minutes, Marks : 10)

OR

You have been asked to write an article to a Science magazine. Write a description of all the exciting things that could happen in the year 2500.

include the following :

- what human beings would be like then (appearance, habits)

life in general

Use about 200 words.

(Time : 20 minutes, Marks : 10)

G. C. E. (O/L) Examination - 1993

English Language.

PAPER I

Q1

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Q2

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Mathematics
maths
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Q3

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Q4

Monthly meeting of the Sun shine Sports Club	
Badulla, in Badulla, at Badulla	
Wonders of Nature	
9.00 am	
Tamil Literacy Day	

Q5 Rajendra travelled to Spain and stayed with his pen-friend Pedro whose first language is spanish. He liked the bull fighting most. He returned on the 10th of May.

Q6

AIR MAIL	
<p>Dear Misako,</p> <p>Anuradhapura is a place of Pilgrimage, It is an ancient city and a historical place in Sri Lanka.</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 40px; margin-bottom: 10px;"></div> <p>Misako Misukoshi</p> <p>15, Kumagai,</p> <p>Wakamatsu,</p> <p>Japan.</p>

Q7 Grow vegetabls in the garden

After the examination I would like to grow vegetabls in the garden. I chose this achvity because after having spent most of my time with the books this would give me a relaxation as will as it's usful to my home front too.

I shall prepare the soil well and plant a few brinjal and pumkin plants.

PAPER II

English Language

Answers - 1993

Q8

write / type
Put off
elected
Put by
Put back/put off

Q9

Galle and Matara
No
South west
Isolated Shower or thunder shwers
West and South West

Q10

arrived at the station
went to kandeckelle
had a picnic
pressed the flowers and leaves
Went to the market place.

VACANCIES SALES ASSISTANTS

Q11

- * Immediate vacancy exists for young persons at our Company in Kandy and Rathnapura.
- * Applicants should have passed the G. C. G. (O/L) with a credit in English and should have three passes in A/L including Maths.
- * Age to be not less than 18 years and not more than 22 years as at 31st January 94.
- * Salary Rs. 3500/- permonth and fringe benefits are competitive and commensurate with experience, qualifications and abilities.
- * The job requires long hours of work and extensive travel within Sri Lanka. Seleted candidate Should possess good communication skills in English and Sinhala or Tamil.

Apply before 21st January 1994 to
Personal Manager
Golgate Company
P. O Box 15, Colombo.

Q12

EYE



CLINIC

Next weeken the 22nd January an eye clinic will be held for both young and old,
at Ramnath College, Colombo - 3.

Venue : Ramnath College Hall

Time : 3.00 p. m

All are Welcome

Consultations Free.

Q13

a	Three / 3
b	At a station, at a railway station, railway station
c	Word
d	pitying
e	what I want is freedom, I want to be free

Q14

- a) Because the baby kept on crying, child was crying, baby was crying
- b) 1. But it is far and it doesn't look so very bad
2. It's only crying
- c) Because he realized that he had been wicked
- d) She has lost all hope/ she has lost her baby
- e) Mother, I'm so sorry for disobeying you, mother I'm so sorry for not being kind,
mother forgive me for having hurt you.

Q15 Dear Child,

It's a serious problem you are facing at present. But you should be happy for having detected it yourself.

Well, my dear child eating is not bad but eating the kind of food is the important thing. you should avoid fattening food such as butter, milk, meat, potatoes and must stick to a slimming diet. As you are young you should eat the substantial food full of nutrients and the vitamins you require. Let this eating problem not become a burden on you. Certainly you can overcome this very easily if you follow my advice.

Apart from food and drinks there are other recommendations for reducing weight. If you try to get rid of the excessive stores of fat in your body you can overcome this. Fat will not 'just dissolve' it has to be burned up. And this will happen only if your body finds that you are being mean with calories from your food so that it has to burn up your fat reserves. You should do more physical work which will help to reduce your weight, provided that you don't make up by eating more. Finally some sorts of exercises will improve the tone of your muscles. This may help to reduce your weight and make you thin. And thus gradually you will overcome this problem that is worrying you.

With Love,

your Loving Aunty
Kusum

Q16

This is a village situated in Negombo. It's called kattana, 3 Km. away from Negombo town. This rural area is calm and naturally beautiful. There are shady trees and fresh air all round. No doubt it's a residential area, a place where people have access to all types of facilities. Namely electricity, Shopping Complex, Schools, hospitals, bazar, parks, play ground and Post Office.

The people of the area are very respectable lawful citizens, attractive and very sociable. In fact this place could be called a modern developing village which will soon turn out to be a town.

Most of the people do fishing and some if they are engaged in farming. Earlier the children especially the boys when they reach the age of twelve, drop out from school and join their fathers in fishing as well as farming. The girls of course continue their studies. But now at this busy, modernized fast moving world both boys and girls persevere in their education and reach a standard of seeking jobs in cities.

There are also most interesting places like parks where people can visit, relax, children can play and get together and enjoy themselves. I think it's a great fortune to reside there. There is a beach hotel if a foreigner wishes to stay. It is a very beautiful place by its nature, attractive to the foreigners. They could walk along the beach in the evening and exercise themselves. There is a lovely swimming pool where the foreigners could spend their weekends and enjoy sunbathing. The sea food which the foreigners relish so much such as crabs, prawns and other variety of sea food certainly make the foreigners stay long in the hotel. so to say this village is a place of paradise to the inhabitants and to the foreigners who visit there.



**INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE (SECOND LANGUAGE) ENGLISH
PAPER I (ONE HOUR)**

- (1) Read this description of Volleyball matches given in a newspaper. Then fill the table given below. (Time: 5 minutes, Marks:5)

VOLLEYBALL

There will be several volleyball matches played over the weekend. The Navy will meet the Army on 12th Saturday at the Boganbara Grounds in Kandy. Two matches are scheduled to be played in Colombo. Air Force Vs.Colombo United at Galle Face on 12th Saturday and Kandy will play against Police at the Police Park on 13th Sunday.

Team	Date	Venue
Navy Vs. Army	(b)	Bogambara Grounds Kandy
Air Force Vs.Colombo United	12th Saturday	(d).....
(a)	(c)	(e).....

- (2) Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below. (Time:5 Minutes,Marks:5)

Saman walks to school everyday. The walk from home to school takes him only fifteen minutes. He usually walks to school with his friend Keerthi. Today Keerthi's uncle Nihal took both of them to school in his car.

- (a) How does Saman usually go to school?
- (b) How long does he take to go to school?
- (c) What is his friend's name?
- (d) How did Saman go to school today?
- (e) How did his friend go to school today?

- (3) Read the following TEXTS and answer the questions given below. (Time:5 minutes, Marks:5)

(i) Mrs.S.D.Balasooriya
24, De Alwis Place,
Trincomalee.

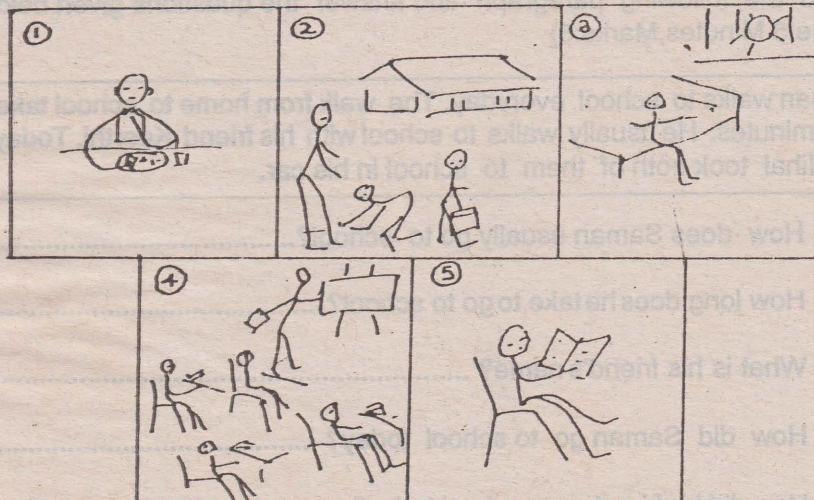
(ii) Dear Vijitha
Please come for my birth day party
on sunday 6th Deember at 3.00 p.m
Ramani

(iii) SALES GIRLS
Are you below 18 years?
Do you like being with people?
then here's your chance:
Write to:
Angi Sahu, Kalutara

- (a) Where does Mrs Balasooriy a live?
- (b) Whose birthday party is it?
- (c) At what time is the party?
- (d) What is the advertisement about?
- (e) Can Ranjith apply for this job?

(4) Read these sentences and match them with thre pictures given below. Write the number of the correct picture in the box (Time: 10 minutes, ?Marks:5)

- (a) Kamal woke up at 5.00 a.m this morning.
- (b) He got dressed and studies from 5.45 a.m. to 6.30 a.m.
- (c) Kamal had his breakfast at 6..30 a.m
- (d) Then he worshipped his parents amd left for school
- (e) Kamal was in the class at 7.40 a.m.



(5) There is no one at home and you remember that you have to go out for an hour Write a note to your mother saying where you are going and why. Use the form given below. Write in about 15-20 words. (Time:10 minutes, Marks:5)

To:

Message:

From:

- (6) Read this passage. Use the words given below and write a similar passage.
(Time: 10 minutes, Marks: 5)

Although dogs eat only animals, they are very useful and help people a lot. For example certain dogs help farmers to look after their sheep. Some dogs are used for hunting and others help to rescue people. People also teach dogs to race, and racing is sport which people like. All dogs like eating meat very much and like bones best of all.

Although - horses - animals - useful - a lot, For example - horses - people's cattle. Some horses - hunting - pull things. People - horses horse racing sport - like. All horses - hay - oats.

Begin this way.

Although horses are only animals

.....

.....

- (7) Choose five activities that you like to do from the list given below.
Write one sentence about each activity. Say why you like it.
(Time: 15 min Marks: 10)

Meeting friends

playing games

Gardening

Travelling

Watching television

Walking

Singing

cooking

Reading

Cycling

Look at the example.

I like meeting friends because I enjoy talking with them.

1.....

2.....

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4.....

5.....

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INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE (SECOND LANGUAGE) ENGLISH
PAPER II

- (8) This is part of a page from a booklet on first aid. Read it and answer questions given below
(Time:10 minutes, Mark:5)

TOOTH ACHE

The most frequent cause of toothache is decay which has penetrated the enamel of a tooth. However it can also be the result of an abscess, abnormal pressure from an incorrect bite or pain referred from somewhere else, for example, pain caused by inflammation of a facial nerve (neuralgia)



SYMPTOMS AND SIGNS

Pain in the teeth or jaws, which may be constant, throbbing or intermittent. the pain may be made worse by cold or hot food and drink.



POISONING

Most poisoning cases are due to pesticides; household requisites such as cleaning & disinfectant fluids; drugs chemicals, toxic plants; industrial chemicals etc. In an emergency etc. name the poison if known, Otherwise give the symptoms, signs and poison suspected () poison centre (General Hospital) 686143 or 691111 Ext 306

TREATMENT

1. Dab the affected tooth with oil of cloves, it is available to deaden pain.
The casualty may take one or two own pain-killing tablets if available.
2. To relieve a severe or persistent toothache, hold a covered hot water bottle or heat pad against the affected side of the face.
3. If symptoms persist or if there is fever or swelling around the tooth involved, advise the casualty to see the dentist or doctor without delay.

- (a) What is the commonest cause of toothache?
- (b) What does the word 'it' in paragraph one refer to?
- (c) What is neuralgia?
- (d) Three types of treatment for toothache are given here, which diagram shows treatment 2 Write number 2 near the correct picture.

- (e) In poisoning if the name of the poison is not known what must one do to get treatment?

09 This is a table given in a report which shows what men and women do during their free time. read it and answer the questions given below. (Time:10 min Marks>5)

Activities Age	single Men 15-30	single Women 15-30	married Men 20-30	Married Women 20-30	Men 30-50	Women 30-50
Taking Part in sport	17	15	10	5	6	2
Reading	7	10	10	4	10	-
Watching T.V.	21	27	22	29	24	30
Gardening	1	3	5	5	10	7
Handicrafts	3	10	10	22	11	13
Studying	3	4	1	-	-	-
Dancing	4	10	1	5	-	7

- (a) What is the most common leisure activity among men and women of all age groups?
- (b) Which group of men enjoy gardening the most?
- (c) Is dancing enjoyed by men 30-50 age group?.....
- (d) Which group of people enjoy handicrafts the most?.....
- (e) What is the activity that married women are least interested in?

(10) Read the following poem and answer the questions given below.
(Time:10 minutes, Marks:5)

The Town Child

I live in the town	The houses all wait
In a street	In a row
It is crowded with traffic	There is smoke everywhere
And feet	That I go
There are buses and motors	I don't like the noises
And trams	I hear
I wish there were meadows	I wish there were woods
And lambs	Very near

- a. Write down the words in the poem which rhyme with the following?

(i) Lambs.

(ii) row

- b. What are the vehicles mentioned in the first verse?**

- c. Where does the child like to live?

- d. Write down the line in the poem which says there are lots of people in a town?

- e. Write down two things that the town child does not like in the 2nd verse.

(I) (II)

- (11) Your friend has written to say that she/he is coming to spend the next weekend with you. You would like him/her to come next month as you are studying for the examination.

Write a letter to:

- say that you are happy she/he is coming
- suggest a postponement for the next month
- mention how you would like to spend the weekend with him/her

Write in about 100 words (Time:15 minutes, Marks:5)

- (12) Your principal is planning to get instructor for computer training for the school on Mondays and Tuesdays from 1.30 p.m to 3.30 p.m. He hopes to have these classed free of charge for all the year 11 students.

Prepare a notice announcing this to be put on the school notice board.

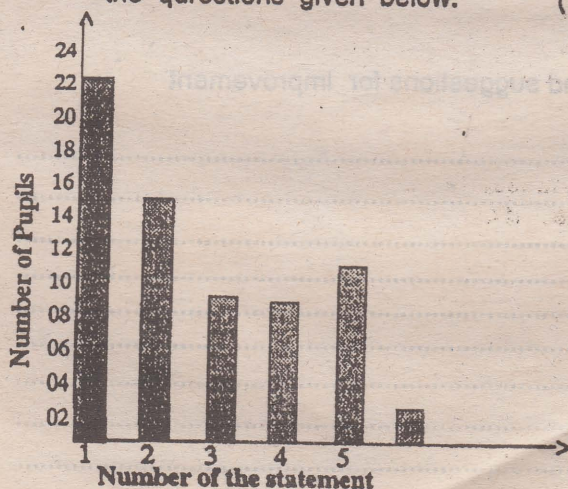
(Your Answer should be in the Form of a notice)

Use about 35-40 words. (Time:15 minutes, Marks:5)

- (13) Read the following paragraphs and give short answers to the questions given below. (Time:10 minutes, Marks:10)

- (1) When you read, you look at certain symbols and are able to get some meaning from them. For example, a kind of "reading" is going on when you read symbols on a road sign, or when an engineer reads the marking on blueprint or when an Indian sees smoke signals.
- (2) When we say "reading" we usually mean reading print or writing. But here too we must understand the symbols, the first thing we have to do in learning to read is to recognise the symbols or letters as being different from others. Then we must get the idea for which a word (or group of symbols) stands, But before we can understand fully we be able to relate the symbols or word to our own experience.
- (3) Over the years children have been taught to read by various methods. The "spelling" method begins by teaching the child the names of the letters of the alphabet in order, Next he puts two letters together, then three letters, and then spells and pronounces syllables, and then these are joined into words, phrases and sentences
- (4) In the "phonetic" method children learn the sounds of the letters and then put the sounds together to make words. At first only short words are made, then longer ones. In-still another method, the child memorises the way a word looks. Other methods used both sounding out remembering the way a word, phrase or sentence looks.
- (5) But we can only learn to read when we are ready to begin learning. And for this we must be able to see words, or symbols that are alike and different; remember the form of a word, remember ideas in the order in which they are given; bring to mind pictures of objects that the words describe; move eyes from left to right on a page and many more things.

- (a) According to this passage what is the first thing we have to do in reading?
.....
 - (b) How many methods of reading are described in the passage?.....
 - (c) To what is the child's attention focused in the phoentic method?.....
 - (d) An important condition for learning to read is given in the last paragraph. What is it?.....
 - (e) The topic "Hints for learning to read" fits one of the paragraphs in the text. Write the number of this paragraph.....
- (14) The graph shows the number of pupils who agree with the given statement on pocket money. Study the graph and the statements and give short answer to the questions given below. (Time:10 minutes, Marks:5)



STATEMENTS

1. Pocket money is a good thing.
2. All children should get pocket money
3. Children should do jobs to earn extra pocket money.
4. Children should save any or all of their pocket money .
5. Children should do jobs for their parents as a way of thanking them for pocket money.
6. Pocket money should be at a fixed rate
(A fixed portion of the parents' own income)

- (a) Do pupils generally agree that pocket money is a good thing?
- (b) How many pupils think that children should do odd jobs to thank their parents for the pocket money?.....
- (c) What are the two statements that half the number of pupils agree on ?
(Write the numbers only)
- (d) With which statment do the majority of the pupils agree?
(Write the number only)
- (e) Write the statement which states that children should not waste pocket money.....

- (15) You are the Secretary of the Social Services Club of your school. Your principal wants you to invite the Medical Officer of Health of your area to give a talk on "Preventing Home Accidents". Write a letter inviting the Medical officer of Health.

Include the following:-

- who is inviting
- the audience
- the usefulness of the talk
- the date and time

Write in about 100 words.(Time:15 minutes, Marks:10)

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- (16) Your school held a science exhibition last month. You are the senior prefect of the school. The principal wants you write a report on the exhibition. Write the report in about 200 words using the given guidelines

- the date/s and duration of the exhibition
 - the main aims of the exhibition
 - how these aims were achieved
 - your views about the exhibition and suggestions for improvement
- (Time 25 minutes, Marks:10)

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GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION (ORD.LEVEL) EXAMINATION, DECEMBER 1992

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE (SECOND LANGUAGE) ENGLISH

PAPER I - ANSWERS

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Team	Date	Venue
Navy Vs Army Air Force Vs Colombo United	(b) 12th Saturday 12th Saturday	Bogambara Grounds Kandy (d) Galle Face, Colombo
(a) Kandy Vs Police	(c) 13th Saturday	(c) Police Park Colombo

(2) a. He walks to school/Walking

b. Fifteen minutes

c. Keerthi

d. In Keerthi's Uncle's car/by car

e. In Uncle Nihal's car/ In his Uncle's car/ by car

(3) a. 24, De Alwis Place, Trincomalee / Trincomalee

b. Ramani's

c. At 3.00 p.m.

d. Sales Girls / a job / vacancy / employment (e) no

(4) a. b. c. d. e.

(5) Mother,

I am going to watch the cricket match at the Hindu College grounds. I will be back by 5.p.m.

Shri

Or

Mother,

I am going to school for choral recitation practice for the English Day. I will be back in one hour.

Sudha

(6) Although horses are only animals, they are very useful and help people a lot. For example, certain horses help people to look after their cattle. Some horses are used for hunting and others help to pull things. People also teach horses to race, and horse racing is a sport which people like. All horses like eating hay very much and like oats best of all,

- (7) 1. I like gardening because I (can grow many vegetables/ have beautiful flowers.)
2. I like watching television because I (enjoy the Tele-dramas/enjoy the cricket matches/ can know many things happening in the world)
3. I like singing as (it is an interesting pastime / I enjoy music)
4. I like reading because it helps to gain knowledge.
5. I like playing games with my friends as it is such fun.
6. I like travelling because I can see many places.
7. I like walking as it is good exercise.
8. I like cooking as I can turn out many tasty dishes .
9. I like cycling as I can (get to school sooner than walking/ freely go round the countryside) (choose any five)

**INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE (SECOND LANGUAGE) ENGLISH DEC 1992
PAPER II -ANSWERS**

- (8) a. Decay which has penetrated the enamel of the tooth.
b. Toothache
c. Pain caused by inflammation of a facial nerve.
d. (2) - Picture on top right
e. Give the symptoms, signs and poison suspected.

Go to Poison Centre, General Hospital or Call 686143 or 691111 Ext306

- (9) a. Watching T.V
b. 30-50 age group
c. No.
d. Married women 20 - 30 age group
e. Studying.

- (10) a. (i) Lambs trams (ii) Row-go
b. buses, motors and trams
c. In the countryside / where there are meadows and lambs and woods
d. And feet
e. houses in a row, smoke, noises (any 2)

(11)

24, Visaka Road
Colombo -4,
25th November'93

My dear Sathya,

I was very happy to receive your letter yesterday. I am glad that you are coming to spend a weekend with me: But my G.C. E. (Ord .Level) Exam is starting the

first week of December and I am now busy studying hard for it. Mother says I must get Distinction in at least English, Maths and Science and Credit passes in all the other subjects. So you know how hard I have to work for it, Therefore next weekend would not be convenient for me.

However, my Exam would be over by the 15th of next month, and I would be very happy if you could please come anytime after that. We could spend one day at the zoo, and visit the Museum and Galle Face the next evening. The Christmas sales have started, and we could also do some shopping in Pettah.

Anxiously looking forward to your visit.

With Love,
Shrikanth

(12)

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Principal

- (13) a. Recognise the symbols or letters b. Three methods
c. Sounds of letters d. Being ready to begin learning
e. 2.
- (14) (a) Yes (b) 12 (c) 5
(d) 1 (e) Children should save any or all of their pocket money.

(15)

Vaideshwara College,
Jaffna
6th March '92

The Medical Officer of Health
Jaffna.

Sir,

The Social Service club of our school is engaged mainly in service to the community and educating the students on safe and healthy living.

Home accidents are now becoming very common and we often hear of many people even losing their lives by it. We feel this is mainly due to ignorance

and carelessness. We would therefore be very pleased if you could kindly give a talk on " Preventing Home Accidents" at our next meeting on Monday 15th March '92 at 1.00 p.m. The audience would be mainly students from Year 10 upwards

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
Y. Shrikanthan
Secretary
Social Services Club.

(16)

REPORT ON SCIENCE EXHIBITION

A Science exhibition was held at Central College, Jaffna for five days from 15th to 19th November 1992. The exhibition was open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Large crowds came to view the exhibition.

The main aims of the exhibition was to make science interesting easy to understand and useful. This was achieved through various charts, diagrams, pictures, models and other visual demonstrations.

The section based on the syllabuses from Year 6-11 had many attractive exhibits that drew people's attention. The Advanced Level classes had exhibits in Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology and Mathematics. There was a human skeleton and models of the internal organs. There were pictures and models displaying the various forms of life in the evolutionary scale. They also displayed the various natural resources of the country and how these are made use of.. For example they demonstrated the processes involved in the manufacture of cement using limestone, gypsum and other raw materials. Another aspect was the conservation of natural resources. There were sawdust and solar cookers demonstrating how to save on firewood.. There were also models showing how electricity is generated. The section on computers drew much interest. Famous scientists and inventors were introduced through pictures and charts showing their life history and inventions.

On the whole the exhibition was a great success. It was highly educative. If such exhibitions are held every year it would make science an easy and absorbing subject for the student.



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