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JUNIOR SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION

PAPER I

1. *Write paragraphs of five to seven sentences on any three of the following topics:*

(a) While you were walking on the road, there was an accident between a cyclist and a car. Write what you saw.

(b) You were sent by your brother to cash a money order. Describe what happened at the post office.

(c) Your father gives you five rupees and asks you to buy some provisions for the kitchen. Write how you bought the things.

(d) Your class has arranged to go on an excursion to the Cement factory and the Paranthan caustic soda factory. Write a letter to your father asking for permission and money for the trip.

(e) Write what you do in the morning after getting up from bed before you go to school.

(f) Write on a football match you have seen.

2. *Read the following passage and answer very briefly all the questions given under it.*

One day when there was rain, the whole family went to the cinema. Rani sat on her mother's knee and slept all the time. There was a funny picture about a man and his dog. The man carried a board

with the word 'Blind' on it, and the dog led him along the street. Sometimes people gave him money. Once, when a coin fell on the ground, he picked it up and put it in his pocket.

'You're not blind,' said a policeman.

'No, but the dog is,' the man answered, and he ran away.

The policeman began to run after him, but the dog bit the policeman's leg, and so the man escaped.

When the lights came on after this picture, Mrs. Govind asked her husband to buy a box of chocolates. Mr. Govind bought the chocolates. Rani woke up and her mother gave her a chocolate to keep her quiet.

- (a) Who went to the cinema?
- (b) When did they go?
- (c) Where did Rani sit?
- (d) What was the funny picture about?
- (e) What did people sometimes give the man?
- (f) Where did the coin fall?
- (g) When the coin fell, what did the man do?
- (h) Why did the man run away?
- (i) What did the dog do?
- (j) Why did Rani's mother give her a chocolate?

3. Answer the following as directed:-

- (a) These children throw stones. (**rewrite in the singular**)
- (b) Sita runs to school. (**rewrite in the negative**)
- (c) The hunter shot a bird. (**rewrite in the present tense**)

4. Write the questions to which the following sentences are answers: begin your sentences with the words given in the brackets:

- (a) We went to the circus last Sunday. (**when**)
- (b) Gopal played in the college team. (**who**)
- (c) We play with our classmates at school. (**with whom**)

5. Rewrite filling the blanks with the correct form of the word given in the brackets:

- (a) Meera is the.....of all the girls in the class. (**clever**)
- (b) Are the men in the house.....? (**sleep**)
- (c) How many stones has the boy.....? (**throw**)

6. Complete the following sentences:-

- (a) Mohan did not go to school because.....
- (b) My father had come home when.....
- (c) He was listening to the radio while.....

7. (a) Rewrite in one sentence without using 'and':-

My mother has a pet dog. It lives in our house. My mother is fond of the dog.

(b) Rewrite in the form of reported speech:

Rama said to Krishnan, 'Where is your parrot?'
Krishnan replied, 'It is in its cage.'

8. Punctuate putting in full stops, commas, capitals, quotation marks etc.

do you like tea or coffee asked the server i like coffee more than tea the boy replied but the coffee that is served here is bad and so please give me a cup of tea.

PAPER II

1. Write paragraphs of five to seven sentences on any three of the following topics:

- (a) Write an account of what people do when a field is being ploughed and sown with seeds.
- (b) Write on a sunrise you have seen.
- (c) You have been asked to take your brother to the hospital. Write what you saw there.
- (d) Write what you saw in a railway station to which you had gone to send your father off to Colombo.
- (e) Write on a market you have seen.
- (f) Write on what happened at a meeting of your class association.

2. Read the following passage and answer very briefly the questions given at the end of it:

A library is a place where we can borrow books. It usually contains books of all kinds - school-books, story-books, dictionaries and others. There are long rows of shelves, and in some libraries we can go round and choose a book; in others we must ask the man in charge for what we want. We write the number of the book, its title, and the name of the author on a piece of paper. Then we sign the paper, hand it to the man, and he gives us the book. We can usually keep it for a week, or perhaps two, before taking it back.

- (a) What is a library?
- (b) What kind of books do you find in a library?
- (c) What do the shelves have in them?
- (d) Can we ourselves choose a book in all libraries?

- (e) Whom do we ask for a book that we want?
- (f) What do we do to get a book?
- (g) How long can we keep a book?
- (h) What should we do after that?

3. *Answer the following questions as directed:*

- (a) The ox was pulling the cart. (**rewrite in the plural**)
- (b) The child saw a bird. (**rewrite as a question**)
- (c) The thief steals a purse. (**rewrite in the past-tense**)

4. *Write answers to these questions:*

- (a) When do you go to school everyday?
- (b) How many times in a day do you drink tea?
- (c) How do you go to school?

5. *Rewrite the following sentences with the correct form of the word given in the brackets:-*

- (a) The mayor isman in the city. (**im- portant**)
- (b) How many cats did you (**see**) in the zoo?
- (c) Were the babies (**sleep**) in the bed?

6. *Complete the following sentences:-*

- (a) When the bell rang,.....
- (b) Owing to the heavy rain.....
- (c) If you want to do well in English.....

7. *Rewrite as one sentence using who, whom, whose:*

- (a) This is the thief. He stole my father's book.
- (b) He is the good man. We saw him yesterday.
- (c) Raman is a farmer. His field was ploughed last week.

8. *Punctuate:*

thank you replied the young man though he was tired this cup of water tastes like nectar I am really very tired will you allow me to sleep under that tree.

PAPER III

1. *Write paragraphs of five to seven lines on any three of the following topics:*

- (a) Men working in a cigar factory.
- (b) When you and your friends were playing, a mad dog appeared. Write what happened then.
- (c) What you saw inside a cinema theatre.
- (d) The game you like best.
- (e) Your first day at school.
- (f) A sunset you have seen.

2. *Read the following passage and answer very briefly the questions given at the end of it:*

When Tissa, the beloved of the Gods, accepted Buddhism, the women of the palace also wanted to become Buddhists. So Mahinda sent for his sister Sangamitta from India. He also asked her to bring a branch of the holy bo-tree under which Buddha had found true knowledge. When she received the message, she went to her father, the Emperor Asoka and told him of it. Emperor Asoka took a golden pot filled with earth and went to the bo-tree. He was not willing to injure the tree with a knife. With a red pencil he drew a line round a branch of the tree. The branch broke away by itself. It

rose in the air and remained there. It sent forth rays of six different colours. Then it came down to the pot of earth and sent roots into the earth.

- (a) When did the women of the palace want to become Buddhists?
- (b) Who did Mahinda send for?
- (c) What did he ask her to bring?
- (d) Why was that bo-tree so important?
- (e) What did Mahinda's sister do?
- (f) What did Emperor Asoka do?
- (g) How did he get a branch of the bo-tree?
- (h) What happened to the branch of the bo-tree?

3. Rewrite the following as directed:

- (a) The child and the woman are going home.
(rewrite in the plural)
- (b) The boy ate an apple. (rewrite in the negative)
- (c) The teacher chooses a book. (rewrite in the past tense)

4. Correct the following sentences:

- (a) Of the two brothers, Rama is the best.
- (b) There is a building and a school on the road.
- (c) The water has overflown the bridge.

5. Rewrite filling the blanks with suitable words:

- (a) Govind is(tall) than any other boy in the class.
- (b) Is he.....(run) home now?
- (c) He has.....(see) his mother walking home.

6. Complete the following sentences:

- (a) Though I am weak in English
- (b) No sooner did the teacher come to the class.....
- (c) This is the house where.....

7. Rewrite in the form of reported speech:

(a) 'Where are you going now,' asked Rani.
'I am going to the market,' Sita replied.

(b) Combine into one sentence:

There was a very brave boy. His father was the captain of a ship. The ship was sailing to Africa.

8. Punctuate using full stops, capital letters, quotation marks etc.

what are you reading asked the teacher during the English period i am reading a history book replied the boy thats not right said the teacher

PAPER IV

1. Write paragraphs of five to seven sentences on any three of the following topics:

- (a) An account of a harvest in a field.
- (b) Your mother is ill. Write a note to the doctor asking him to go to your house to see her and give medicine.
- (c) What you saw in a library.
- (d) Describe a wedding you have seen.
- (e) What preparation you would make before your college sports meet.
- (f) Your brother and you are playing. You suddenly quarrel over the game. Write what happened.

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it:

One day a girl was going into the city from her home to sell a lot of eggs, which she was carrying in a basket.

"When I have sold all these eggs," she said to herself, "I shall have a lot of money. I shall be able to buy some new clothes and perhaps a pair of silk stockings. Everybody will look at me and say: 'How beautiful she is!'".

Just at that minute a big bus was coming round a corner of the road behind her. She didn't hear it until it was quite near. Then she jumped out of the way. But in doing this she let her basket fall and broke all the eggs. The people in the bus laughed, and one of them shouted: "You should never carry all your eggs in one basket!".

- (a) Where was the girl going?
- (b) What was she carrying?
- (c) What did the girl say to herself?
- (d) Why did she think that everybody would look at her?
- (e) What happened at that time?
- (f) Why did the basket fall?
- (g) What happened to the eggs?
- (h) Why did the people in the bus laugh?

3. Rewrite the following sentences as directed:

- (a) The geese are led to the market. (**rewrite in the singular**)
- (b) The farmer did not sell all the paddy. (**rewrite in the positive**)
- (c) The girl rode on the mare. (**rewrite using the other gender**)

4. Write the questions for which the following are answers: (use the word given at the beginning of the question)

- (a) The wall is sixteen feet high. (**how**)
- (b) The girls are playing on the grassland. (**where**)

(c) I usually go to school at eight o'clock in the morning. (**when**)

5. Rewrite the following filling up the blanks with the suitable form of the words:

(a) The rose _____ (**beautiful**) of all the flowers.

(b) The teacher said that all of us _____ (**come**) to school at 8 a. m.

(c) The rice _____ (**sell**) at 25 cents a measure to the poor woman by the shopkeeper.

6. Complete the following sentences:

(a) If you go to school late _____

(b) Can you tell me when _____

(c) My mother was sewing a garment while _____

7. (a) Rewrite the following sentences in the indirect:

"Is it very hot outside?" asked the mother.
"Yes, it is hotter than it was yesterday." replied her son.

(b) Combine into one sentence:

A bird was singing very sweetly. It was a songbird. It had never been kept in a cage.

8. Punctuate using full stops, commas, capital letters, quotation marks etc.

why are they holding me cried the mother my son is drowning and i must save him hold her cried the men she will fall into the river and be carried away.

PAPER V

1 Write paragraphs of five to seven sentences on any three of the following topics:

- (a) A temple festival you have seen.
- (b) When you were walking along the road, you noticed a car coming against you. At the same time a little child ran across the road. Write what you did later.
- (c) A coconut tree and how one plucks coconuts
- (d) How tea is plucked by coolies.
- (e) You are asked by your father to take a basket of vegetables to be sold. Write what you did in the market to sell them.
- (f) What you saw when a snake charmer came to your house.

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions given at the end of it:

Rama was a greedy boy. One day he found a jar with a long neck. The neck was so narrow that he could only just put his hand into it. But he wanted to put his hand into the jar as he saw six or seven cadju nuts lying in a heap in the bottom.

So he put his hand down the neck of the jar to take out the nuts; and took hold of three of the nuts at once. But now he found that he could not draw his hand out again. He could not understand this, till his father, who was passing at that time, said to him, 'Don't be so greedy, Rama; take out only one nut at a time.' So Rama dropped two of the nuts, which he held in his hand, and drew out the third quite easily. His closed fist was not

so big with only one nut in it. 'Now I see, father,' said Rama, 'that the jar has taught me a lesson; for by grasping at too many, I nearly lost all.'

- (a) What did Rama find one day?
- (b) Why could Rama put his hand only into the jar?
- (c) Why did he want to put his hand into the jar?
- (d) How many nuts did he take hold of?
- (e) Why could he not draw his hand out again?
- (f) What did Rama's father say?
- (g) What did Rama then do?
- (h) Why was Rama able to get his hand out?
- (i) Why was his closed fist not very big?
- (j) What lesson did Rama learn?

3. Rewrite the following sentences as directed:

- (a) Rama placed his foot on the mouse. (**rewrite using the plural**)
- (b) The child eats a mango. (**rewrite in the passive voice**)
- (c) The maid met the princess. (**rewrite using the other gender**)

4. Frame questions to which the following are answers: (use the words given in brackets to begin your questions)

- (a) I came because your mother called me (**why?**)
- (b) My father is a farmer. (**what?**)
- (c) I am studying in the J. S. C. class. (**in which?**)

5. Rewrite the following sentences filling the blanks with the correct form of the word given in the brackets:

- (a) Krishna is the (**tall**) boy in the class.
- (b) Will your brother be (**see**) in the school after 4 p. m.?
- (c) Meera is (**neat**) than any other girl in the class.

6. Complete the following sentences:

- (a) Hardly did the teacher come _____
- (b) He did neither his home work _____
- (c) If you want to help me _____

7. (a) Turn into indirect:

(a) 'Will you please give me five rupees?' said the son to his father, 'I want to buy a pen.'
'What happened to your old pen?' said his father.

(b) Combine into one sentence:

The boy was looking after the sheep. He was looking after them on the hills. He was looking after them from morning till night.

8. Punctuate:

thank you replied the young man this is really a better greeting than what we got at that village why do you live in such a bad neighbourhood.

PAPER VI

I. Write paragraphs of five to seven sentences on any three of the following topics:

- (i) How your mother cooks your midday meals.
- (ii) What you do when you take an oil bath.
- (iii) Your home garden;
- (iv) A friend of yours never does his home work. Write what you would advise him to do his work carefully.

(v) A description of a bank to which you have gone to cash a cheque.

(vi) A story to illustrate that 'Unity is Strength'.

2. *Read the following story and answer all the questions given at the end of it:*

A great king made a feast and invited everyone to it. He sent out messengers to all the cities and towns in his kingdom asking the people to come, and promising not only food but wealth.

In one town there was a strong, robust man who unfortunately was blind, and he loudly bemoaned the fact that his blindness would prevent his going to the king's feast. 'How unlucky I am to miss this great chance! As I am blind, I am unable to go to this great feast.' But soon he heard that in the same town there was a lame man who was also sorry that he could not go to the feast.

The blind man and the lame man came to an arrangement by which the blind man was to carry the lame man to the feast, the lame man directing him. So the man who could not walk directed the man who could not see and thus both went together to the king's feast.

- (a) Whom did the king invite to the feast?
- (b) How did he invite the people?
- (c) Why was the blind man very sad?
- (d) Why could he not go to the feast?
- (e) What did he hear afterwards?
- (f) Why was the other man sorry?
- (g) What was the arrangement between them?
- (h) How did both go to the feast?

3. Rewrite the following sentences as directed:

- (a) The benches were full of potatoes. (**rewrite in the singular**)
- (b) The purse was stolen by the thief. (**active voice**)
- (c) Did the children run away from the mad dog? (**rewrite in the present tense**)

4. Correct the following sentences:-

- (a) How many sheeps and cattles have you?
- (b) Of the three fruits, that one is better.
- (c) The teacher caned Rama and I.

5. Fill up the blanks with the suitable forms of the words given in brackets:

- (a) How many times have I (**ask**) you not to speak to me?
- (b) Is Rama (**come**) to the meeting?
- (c) Lila is the (**pretty**) girl in the school.

6. Complete the following sentences:

- (a) The boy failed in the test because
- (b) Since last Thursday
- (c) Make hay while

7. (a) Combine into one sentence:

His father was a farmer. He ploughed his field.
The field was a large one.

(b) Rewrite in the indirect:

‘I find you guilty of the theft,’ said the Head-master. ‘You have disgraced this school. Do not come before me hereafter. I am ashamed to see you.’

8. *Punctuate using fullstops, commas, quotation marks etc.*

would you believe it govind finally exclaimed
gopal ive asked three people where the hospital is

PAPER VII

1. *Write paragraphs of five to seven sentences on any three of the following topics:*

(a) Your mother has asked you to look after your baby brother for some time till she returns from the market. Write how you played with him.

(b) An election meeting.

(c) A fight between two boys which you succeeded in settling.

(d) Your radio.

(e) If you were a bridesmaid or the best man, what you did during a wedding.

(f) A story to illustrate, 'More haste, less speed.'

2. *Read the following story and answer the questions given below it:*

Two men Mohan and Chandran were once walking along the road, going through a forest. Suddenly they saw a large bear.

Chandran ran off as fast as he could, and got up on a tree and hid himself. Mohan was unable to follow him, and stood wondering what he could do. As the bear came near, Mohan fell on the ground and pretended that he was dead.

The bear came up to him and sniffed round him for some time, putting his nose close to Mohan's

ear. Mohan kept still and held his breath. The animal thought that the man was dead and went into the forest.

Then Chandran came down the tree and asked Mohan, 'What did the bear say in your ear?'

Mohan said, 'What a bad friend you have! He ran away and left you in danger. Never trust such a friend'.

- (a) Where were the two men going?
- (b) What did they see?
- (c) What did Chandran do?
- (d) What did Mohan do?
- (e) What did the bear do when it saw a man on the ground?
- (f) Why did the bear go into the forest?
- (g) What did Chandran ask his friend?
- (h) What did Mohan tell him?

3. Rewrite the following sentences as directed in the brackets:

- (a) My tooth was pulled out by the doctor. (**rewrite in the plural**)
- (b) The girl sings a song. (**passive voice**)
- (c) The boy draws a good picture. (**rewrite in the past tense**)

4. Frame questions for which the following are answers using the words given in the brackets at the beginning of the question:

- (a) My mother gave you five pine-apples. (**how?**)
- (b) My uncle has gone to Colombo. (**where?**)
- (c) I eat my supper at 8 p. m. (**when?**)

5. Fill up the blanks with the suitable forms of the words given in the brackets.

- (a) Mount Everest is the _____ (**high**) mountain in the world.
- (b) Are all the children _____ (**play**) in the school?
- (c) He has been _____ (**give**) five rupees by his uncle.

6. *Complete the following sentences:*

- (a) Before I could talk to him _____
- (b) I do not know where _____
- (c) Although I was late to school _____

7. *Rewrite in the indirect speech:*

'How many pounds of sugar do you want?' asked the shopkeeper, 'Sugar is very scarce.' 'I want only two pounds,' replied Govind.

8. *Punctuate using capital letters, full stops, commas, quotation marks etc.*

suddenly uma thrust a handful of wood into the fire
brother fire she cried out help help you naughty girl
said her brother

PAPER VIII

1. *Write paragraphs of five to seven sentences on any three of the following topics:*

- (a) What you do after you go home from school.
- (b) How you spent a vacation.
- (c) A railway train you have seen.
- (d) Your father gives you a telegram and asks you to send it at a post office. Write what you did there.
- (e) What improvements you would like in your school.
- (f) A description of a beggar you have seen.

2. *Read the following story and answer all the questions given at the end of it:*

A famous French writer tells a story about his cat and a parrot. A friend called at his house one

day and said; 'As I am going away for a short time, will you please look after my parrot for me?'

He said that he would do so, and the friend brought the parrot into the house where the cat was.

The cat had never seen a parrot, and wondered whether it was a bird or not. If it was a bird it would be very good to eat.

Very slowly the cat came nearer and nearer. It was thinking how very fine it would feel after it had eaten that fine bird.

The poor parrot was very much afraid, but it kept quiet and didn't move till the cat was near enough to jump. Then suddenly, it shouted, 'Haven't you had your breakfast?'

Now the cat was afraid. It ran away as fast as it could. Perhaps it was saying to itself: 'That is a man, not a bird.'

- (a) Who tells us the story of a parrot and a cat?
- (b) Why did his friend call at his house one day?
- (c) Why did the cat wonder at the parrot?
- (d) What did the cat want to do?
- (e) What was the cat thinking?
- (f) Why was the parrot afraid?
- (g) What did the parrot do at last?
- (h) Why did the cat run away?

3. Rewrite the following sentences as directed in the brackets:

- (a) The children are biting the apples with their teeth. ((**rewrite using the singular**)
- (b) The farmer buys a lot of grain. (**rewrite in the negative**)
- (c) The soldier slew the enemy. (**use the present tense**)

4. Rewrite the following sentences using the suitable form of the words in the brackets:-

- (a) The Town Hall is the (**high**) building in Jaffna.
- (b) Are you (**sleep**) in that room tonight?
- (c) Were you (**give**) permission to attend the cinema?

5. Correct the following sentences:-

- (a) Out of the box comes a few balloons.
- (b) Due to fever I did not go to school.
- (c) The bird flowed to the tree.

6. Complete the following

- (a) After I had gone home _____
- (b) My mother scolded me because _____
- (c) Although the sun was very hot _____

7. Combine into one sentence without using **and**.

- (a) The wind was very rough. The boy did not put on his shirt.
- (b) The merchant rode on his horse. It was a black horse.
- (c) The bell rang. The boys entered the class.

8. Punctuate using capital letters, full stops, commas, question marks, quotation marks etc.

have you ever seen a bear he said yes replied his friend where have you seen one he said in a book said his friend.

PAPER IX

1. Write paragraphs of five to seven sentences on any three of the following topics:

- (i) You see a house on fire. Write what you would do then.

- (ii) Your friend is knocked down by a cyclist.
Write what you would do.
- (iii) Buying fish from a fisherman.
- (iv) A story to illustrate - Waste not, want not.
- (v) Write on what you did at Keerimalai where
you went for a sea-bath.
- (vi) Write a letter to your father asking money to
buy books for your next year study.

2. *Read the following story and answer the questions given below it:*

People are happy if they go fishing with rod and line, but it is a slow way of catching fish. One can catch only one at a time. It is much quicker to use nets, and that is what fishermen do when they go out in boats to fish in the sea. Sometimes so many fish get into the net that the net breaks and all of them escape; and sometimes fishermen catch such a lot of fish that they can't sell them all and they have to throw them back into the sea.

There are many kinds of fish, large and small. Some live in shells, but the shells which we find on the sands are usually empty. Some fish can go over the waves like little aeroplanes and we call them flying-fish. Some can live for a long time in the sand without water, and one kind of fish can even climb trees. In some parts of the world, especially where it is very hot, we find beautiful little fishes of all colours and people go out in boats to look at them swimming here and there in the clear water.

- (a) Why is the catching with rod and line slow?
- (b) In what other way can fish be caught?
- (c) What will happen if the net breaks?

- (d) Why do sometimes fishermen throw fish back into the sea?
- (e) Where do some fishes live?
- (f) Why are some fish called flying-fish?
- (g) Where do we find fish of different colours?
- (h) Why do people go out in boats?

3. Rewrite the following sentences as directed in the brackets:

(a) The teacher wrote the answer on the board.

(question)

(b) The doctor saw the old man. **(passive voice)**

(c) The brave man swam the river in flood.

(present tense)

4. Fill up the blanks with the suitable forms of the words given in brackets:

(a) The whale is the(**large**) of the sea animals.

(b) Is this dish not.....(**good**) than that one?

(c) Did the hermit find all the men (**sleep**) in the hut?

5. Complete the following:

(a) While I was watering the garden

(b) Till you improve your Arithmetic

(c) Unless your father gives you permission

6. Correct the following:

(a) Your pen is superior than mine.

(b) That log of wood has laid there for a long time.

(c) There are a chance of showers today.

7. Rewrite in the indirect form:

‘Have you no sense of shame?’ cried the merchant, ‘Yesterday you stole a big loaf of bread. I pretended not to have noticed it. But again I find you here today also trying to steal another.’

8. *Punctuate using capital letters, full stops, commas, quotation marks etc.*

have you ever read any book by dickens asked the man i have read the tale of two cities said the boy it is a very good book the man observed.

PAPER X

1. *Write paragraphs of five to seven sentences on any three of the following topics:*

- (a) What you saw at the Jaffna Kachcheri where you had gone to get a rice-ration book.
- (b) A car festival you have seen.
- (c) How you spend your Saturdays and Sundays at home.
- (d) The Jaffna clock tower.
- (e) A letter to your Principal asking him for a week's leave to attend on your sick mother.
- (f) A story to illustrate the proverb: Penny wise, pound foolish.

2. *Read the following story and answer the questions given at the end of it:*

A king wanted to find an honest man to collect the taxes of his kingdom and a wise minister advised him to tell all people what he wanted and invite all applicants to the palace.

'I shall show you the honest man when you ask them to dance,' he said.

The applicants soon came and were told to go and meet the king one at a time, through a dark

and empty long passage. As soon as all had come before the king, the king said, 'Now, gentlemen, I should like to see you dance'.

All applicants except one refused, but one man danced cheerfully, though his dance was poor.

'That is the honest man,' said the minister. In the dark passage the wise minister had placed sacks of money and all the men had filled in their pockets as they went to the king. If they had danced, their pockets would have made a lot of sound as they were full of coins and so they had refused.

- (a) Why did the king want an honest man?
- (b) What did the wise minister advise the king?
- (c) What were the men asked to do?
- (d) What kind of passage was it?
- (e) When all the men had come together, what did the king request them to do?
- (f) What did all of them do?
- (g) What did the wise minister say?
- (h) Why did the others refuse to dance?

3. Rewrite the following sentences as directed in the brackets:

- (a) The hunter knew the way. (**turn into negative**)
- (b) The mango was thrown by the child. (**turn into active voice**)
- (c) Uneasy lay the head that wore a crown. (**use the present tenses of the verbs**)

4. Write the questions for which the following are suitable answers: (use the words given in the brackets to begin the sentences.)

- (a) My father brought a very good cow from the village. (**what**)
- (b) The bell always rings at 4 p.m. (**when**)
- (c) We have much sugar in the house. (**how**)

5. Fill up the blanks with the suitable forms of the word given in the brackets.

- (a) Rice is not (**dear**) than wheat in our shops.
- (b) On how many days were you (**play**) in the street?
- (c) Many men have been (**throw**) down by this wrestler.

6. Complete the following:-

- (i) There is no rose but
- (ii) Unless you listen to my advice
- (iii) For the past one week

7. Combine into sentence without using 'and':-

- (a) Mary is a little girl. Her father is a farmer.
- (b) I have a little dog. It can run very fast.
- (c) Rama has a beautiful picture. It was given to him by his father.

8. Punctuate using capital letters, commas, full stops, quotation marks, etc.

bring the black and white flask please said mother
i want it for the railway journey it is cracked father
replied i dropped it on the floor you are always
careless said mother

PAPER XI

1. Write paragraphs of five to seven sentences on any three of the following topics:

- (a) In your school chemistry laboratory, the teacher performed an experiment. Write what you saw there.

- (b) Describe a bath you had in a tank.
- (c) You have been asked by your classmaster to settle your facilities fees which are in arrears for two terms. Write a letter to your father asking him for money to pay this.
- (d) Describe the last day at school during a term - end.
- (e) Describe a religious function held at school
- (f) You lost a fountain pen while you were going from one class to another. The Principal asks you to write a notice regarding your loss to be circulated to the classes. Write a notice.

2. Long ago there was a man called Kintu who lived all alone, but he kept a cow, and the cow was his friend.

One day Kintu found a bee and made friends with it, and from that day the bee lived with Kintu and the cow. Then one morning when Kintu woke up he could not see his cow anywhere. He looked for it all day; he looked everywhere in the fields by the lake, along the river, but he could not find it anywhere.

In the evening, the bee said to him, "I have been thinking and I think I know the spot to which our cow has gone. An old man lives up on the mountains. I think he has taken our cow."

Read the above passage and answer the following questions.

- (a) What was the name of the man who lived all alone?
- (b) Who was his friend?
- (c) With whom else did he become a friend?
- (d) One morning, when Kintu awoke, what happened?
- (e) Describe his search for the cow.
- (f) How long did he look for the cow?
- (g) Where did he search for the cow?
- (h) What did the bee tell the man?

3. (a) Arachne wove a beautiful picture (**rewrite in the present tense**)
(b) The oxen bathe in the river (**rewrite in the negative**)
(c) That woman in the house is a witch (**rewrite in plural**)
4. Write questions for which the following are answers.
Begin your questions with the word given:
- (a) My pencil is six inches long: (**How**)
(b) He has never helped me in my school work (**Has?**)
(c) The little children are flying kites. (**What?**)
5. Rewrite filling the blanks with the correct form of the words given in the brackets:
- (a) What is the man.....(**write**) on the blackboard?
(b) That girl sings..... (**sweetly**) than your sister.
(c) How many apples has that boy (**buy**)
6. Complete the following:
- (a) It was raining very heavily when
(b) I fell on the ground because.....
(c) The dog which.....
7. (a) Combine into one sentence without using 'and'
Orpheus was a musician. The musician had a harp. The harp was given to him by God.
(b) Rewrite in the indirect form of speech:
The headmaster said to the teachers, "Will you take the boys on an educational tour during the next vacation? Schoolwork alone will do them no good. You must show them what the world is like."

8. *Punctuate :*

Savitri said to her daughter did you go to school today why yes mother why do you suddenly ask that question because said her mother I saw one like you in the cloth shop.

PAPER XII

1. *Write paragraphs of five to seven sentences on any three of the following topics :*

- (a) Your Flower garden.
- (b) You find a little girl on the road weeping. You take her along to the police station. Write what you will tell the officer there.
- (c) How does your mother help you at home?
- (d) A good story you have read.
- (e) A public building you have seen.
- (f) A story to illustrate 'Look before you leap.'

2. *Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it:*

It was the evening of October 1st. A great crowd rushed along the road to the hall. It was not possible for all the members of the crowd to go inside the great hall; many stood at the windows, and looked through to see what happened inside.

The hall was a wonderful sight. The walls were covered with guns of every shape and size. The lamps were fixed to stars made of crossed guns. The seats were made of gun-carriages, and the main seat was made of a ship's gun-carriage used in a great battle.

- (a) When did this happen?
- (b) Where were the crowd going?

- (c) Why were they looking through the windows?
- (d) Why was the hall a wonderful sight?
- (e) How were the stars made?
- (f) Of what were the seats made of?
- (g) Describe the main seat.

3. *Rewrite the following as directed:*

- (a) The child throws the stone (**passive voice**)
- (b) The boy buys a torchlight (**past tense**)
- (c) The earl gave a party to the princess (**other gender**)

4. *Use the following in sentences:*

if, when, since, unless, until (**any three**)

5. *Use the correct form of the word given in brackets:*

- (a) Are you (**come**) with me to the carnival?
- (b) This cake is (**good**) than that one.
- (c) The merchant had (**bring**) the picture.

6. *Complete the following sentences:*

- (a) I shall not talk to you because.....
- (b) The flowers are beautiful when.....
- (c) This boy who.....

7. (a) *Combine into one sentence without using 'and'.*

There is a temple in Mecca. The temple is sacred to the Muslims. The Muslims go there every year.

(b) *Rewrite in indirect speech:*

The Emperor said to his prime minister, 'The five learned men seem to be very capable in the several skills they have learnt. Let me give them costly presents.'

8. *Punctuate using capital letters, full stops, commas, quotation marks etc.*

Do you really like to go to keerimalai asked the grandmother yes but I like to go to nallur and why do you prefer nallur asked the grandmother

PAPER XIII

1. *Write paragraphs not exceeding five to seven lines on any three of the following topics:-*

- (a) A beggar you have seen on the road.
- (b) You are asked to send a telegram in the post office near your house. Say what you did there.
- (c) You go to the barber's shop to have a haircut. Give an account of what happened there.
- (d) Write a letter to your cousin asking him to spend the August vacation with you.
- (e) Suppose your dog has bitten someone who came to your house. Narrate what happened then.
- (f) You have been beaten by a fellow student for no fault of yours. Write a letter to the Principal complaining of this.

2. *Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it:*

In England people talk about summer and winter. Summer is the season when the weather is hot, and winter is the season when the weather is cold. January is in winter. June is in summer. In India, when we talk of seasons we think about the rain. We talk about the rainy seasons when it rains, and about the dry season when it does not rain.

In Ceylon there are no seasons as there are in India, except in the Northern and the Eastern provinces. The weather in almost all other parts of Ceylon is almost the same all the year round; there is no dry season, and there is no rainy season. The weather is always hot, except in the hills, and there is rain almost every day. Sometimes there is very little rain, and at other times there is much rain.

- (a) Give the names of two English seasons not mentioned in the passage.
- (b) What are two seasons in India?
- (c) Why are they so called?
- (d) Where do you find such seasons in Ceylon?
- (e) In other parts of Ceylon what is the weather like?
- (f) Where is it cool in Ceylon?
- (g) How does rain fall in most parts?

3. *Rewrite the sentences as directed:*

- (a) The postman gives the letters in the morning. (**rewrite in the plural**)
- (b) The merchant said that he was robbed. (**rewrite in the negative**)
- (c) The swimmer chose the longer path. (**present tense**)

4. *Give the questions to which the following are answers using the words given in the brackets:*

- (a) A football ground should be 80 yards in length. (**How**)
- (b) He was given a prize for Physics. (**For what**)
- (c) He came to my house at 5 o'clock. (**When**)

5. *Use the correct form of the words given in the brackets and complete the sentences:*

- (a) Were you (**run**) along the seashore last week?
- (b) Sita is (**beautiful**) girl in the class.
- (c) My friends had for the first time (**choose**) the correct number.

6. *Complete the following:-*

- (a) You will be punished unless
- (b) He gave back the purse to the owner though.....
- (c) I do not know whether.....

7. (a) *Combine into one sentence without using and:*

Milton was a blind poet. The poet had three daughters. All the daughters were keen students.

(b) *Rewrite in the indirect form:*

'I have never seen a more careless young man,' said the officer, 'surely he who cannot add up these few figures does not deserve to remain here for a day. I must dismiss him'.

8. *Punctuate:*

If i had fired a pistol into his ear he would not have been more startled to edinburgh he repeated edinburgh where the very paving stones know you.

PAPER XIV

1 *Write paragraphs of five to seven lines on any three of the following topics:-*

- (a) Describe Deepavali day in your house.
- (b) Write on a person you most dislike.
- (c) Describe a conversation between an old gentleman and his servant regarding the work in the house.
- (d) Write a letter to your brother advising him to give up smoking.
- (e) Describe a railway engine.
- (f) How would you like to improve your village?

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it:

A whole family of villagers—children, and their parents and their grandparents too—once set out on a pilgrimage. When they came to the steep rocks a storm sprang up suddenly when they were hanging on the long chain. The chain was swung fiercely from side to side. But they still hung on, though they dared not move up or down. Then came a very powerful wind like the breath of an angry God. This swung the chain so far to one side that it no longer hung over the pilgrim path, but clear above a fearful fall into a valley far below. There, beaten by the storm, unable to climb or descend, the people hung as long as they had the strength. Then, one by one, fell off, as fruits fall from a tree. First the old and the very young, then the women, and last of all the men. The people of the village who had been waiting for their turn to climb upon the chain could only watch the terrible sight helplessly.

- (a) Who set out on a pilgrimage?
- (b) How did they try to climb the hill?
- (c) What caused them danger?
- (d) Where did one great blast of wind swing the chain?
- (e) Who fell first into the valley and who fell last? Why?
- (f) Why were they unable to descend or climb up?
- (g) What were the others who were at the bottom of the hill doing?

3. Rewrite the following sentences as directed:-

- (a) The farmer sells grain and buys necessary things.
(rewrite in the past tense)
- (b) The mango is eaten by the child. **(active voice)**
- (c) Rama sees a picture. **(rewrite in the negative)**

4. Use the following in sentences of your own to bring out the meaning:-

fan, fun; mare, mere; week, weak; see, sea.

5. Use the correct form of the words given in the brackets and rewrite the sentences:

- (a) We were on the banks of the river (**watch**) the fish.
- (b) This water is the (**bad**) in this village.
- (c) Have you ever (**taste**) this fruit?

6. Complete the following sentences:

- (a) The boy entered the class before.....
- (b) I have not seen him since.....
- (c) The leaves fall from the tree when.....

7. Rewrite in the indirect:

(a) The thief said, 'My mother is ill and is about to die. I stole only because I had no money to buy the medicine the doctor ordered. Give me some work to do and I shall repay the money due from me twice over.'

(b) The judge said, 'The law says that you should be punished. I have to send you to jail.'

8. Punctuate:

Heres martha mother said a little girl heres martha mother said the two young cratchits there is a goose too martha said another why are you so late the mother asked.

PAPER XV

1. *Write paragraphs of not exceeding five to seven lines on any three of the following topics:*

- (a) How you spent a vacation.
- (b) Your visit to a laundry.
- (c) You go to a tailor to get a shirt stitched. Write what happened there.
- (d) You found that in your term examination there were unfair methods adopted by your fellow students. Say how you would try to improve them.
- (e) Write out an advertisement for the radio you like to sell.
- (f) Your most favourite relation.

2. *Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:*

Modern Zoos are much better places than they used to be. People used to keep wild animals in very small cages all day long. There was nowhere for them to walk and nothing for them to do. This was a cruel way to run a zoo. The animals soon became ill and often died after a few months of this treatment. Nowadays we wisely give the animals plenty to do. We give the goats rocks to climb; we give the crocodiles pools to swim in; we give the monkeys ropes to hang on, and we give the deer fields to run in.

There are many modern zoos in England and English children love to visit the zoo. They spend sometimes a full day of their holidays at a zoo to study the birds, fish and animals from foreign countries. They will find something to eat and drink there too, because there is always a place where which serves shorteats and drinks.

- (a) How did people keep animals in the zoo in olden days?
- (b) What happened to the animals?
- (c) How are they provided now? Give examples.
- (d) Why did the animals fall ill in olden days?
- (e) Why do English children love to visit the zoo?
- (f) How long do they spend there?
- (g) How do they eat and drink in a zoo?

3. *Rewrite the following sentences as directed:*

- (a) The bird flew away. (**rewrite in the present tense**)
- (b) The child eats an apple. (**rewrite in the negative**)
- (c) The man and the child go home. (**rewrite in the plural**)

4. *Rewrite the following sentences using the correct form of the words in brackets:*

- (a) Are the teachers (**go**) to examine us orally also?
- (b) My father gave (**little**) money than my uncle.
- (c) Have the children (**give**) their tickets?

5. *Complete the following sentences:*

- (a) She washed her hands because.....
- (b) I shall see your father after.....
- (c) Unless you improve in your English.....

6. *Fill the blanks with the correct words:*

- (a) I shall not go home.....(**because, until, unless**) nine o'clock tonight.
- (b) I did not go..... (**because, until, unless**) it was very dark.
- (c) I shall not go home..... (**because, until, unless**) you accompany me.

7. *Punctuate:*

The boys of the school asked for a holiday no no cried the headmaster the dull boy laughed and clapped his hands. Why do you laugh asked the headmaster

you said sir the other day that two negatives make one affirmative.

8. *Rewrite in the indirect:-*

The Queen grew angry and said, "Why do you disturb me at this hour when I am so busy? Can you never see how foolish it is to come and see me when I have a lot of work to do." "But it is a matter of life and death to me, my queen", said the young man.

Answers to Paper I

1. (a) I was going last Friday to school along the Palali Road. At the place where the Arasady Road crosses the Palali Road, a cyclist was going along the Palali Road. A car - an Austin Somerset driven at a great speed - came along Arasady Road. The driver did not even sound his horn. It dashed against the cyclist and he was thrown off his cycle. Though he did not have any injuries, he was unconscious. The driver left the cycle where it was and took the cyclist to the hospital. I learnt later that the cyclist recovered.

(b) I took my brother's money order to Jaffna Post Office. I went to the counter marked 'Money Orders'. A clerk was sitting there. I gave the money order to him. He took out from a book another copy of the order received at the post office and then checked whether my father's name was there on it. As he knew me, he paid the amount indicated in the money order. I returned home with the money.

(c) First I went into the market and bought some vegetables. I bought drumsticks, some tomatoes and some brinjals. I changed the five rupee note and paid Rs. 1-25 for these vegetables. I then went into a shop and bought a pound of dry chillies, two pounds of white sugar, a box of matches and a tube of Forhan's Tooth Paste. I found that I had only 20 cents left. I entered a bus, paid the fare and came home with the things.

(d)

Rajeswary Bhavan,
Parameswara College Road,
Jaffna.
2nd May. 1960.

My dear father,

My class teacher yesterday told us that he had arranged an excursion for us. We are to go to the Kankesanthurai Cement factory and Paranthan Soda Factory. A special bus has been booked for us. We will be provided with tea and lunch. I am sure it will be a very useful and enjoyable trip. Please send me Rs. 15/- to enable me to join the party.

Yours affectionately,

(e) I got up from bed at 6 in the morning. I washed myself after brushing my teeth. Then I offered my morning prayers and sat down in my study to attend to the day's work at school. At 7-30 my mother told me that breakfast was ready. I went to the bathroom and had a bath. Then I dried myself and ate my breakfast. Then I dressed myself and went to school with my friend who had by then come to my house.

(f) I saw last Wednesday a football match played between Jaffna Hindu College and Jaffna Central College. I entered the ground when the referee blew the whistle for the game to begin. The players were

very smart in their coloured jerseys. First the Hindu forward line cleverly took the ball past the Central defence and scored a goal. The Central forwards played very well and tried to score a goal but the Hindu defence played well and prevented them from scoring any goal. The game ended in favour of Jaffna Hindu who won by a single goal.

2. (a) The whole family, the father, the mother and Rani went to the cinema.
(b) They went on a day when there was rain.
(c) Rani sat on her mother's knees
(d) The picture was about a man and his dog.
(e) People gave him money.
(f) The coin fell on the ground
(g) The man picked it up.
(h) He ran away because the policeman chased him
(i) The dog bit the policeman.
(j) Rani's mother gave a chocolate to keep her quiet.
3. (a) This child throws a stone.
(b) Sita does not run to school.
(c) The hunter shoots a bird.
4. (a) When did you go to the circus?
(b) Who played in the college team?
(c) With whom do you play at school?
5. (a) Meera is the cleverest of all the girls in the class.
(b) Are the men in the house sleeping?
(c) How many stones has the boy thrown?

6. (a) Mohan did not go to school because he had a headache.
- (b) My father had come home when the tree fell on the road.
- (c) He was listening to the radio while the kettle was on the stove.
7. (a) My mother is fond of her pet dog which lives in our house.
- (b) Rama asked Krishna where his parrot was. Krishna replied that it was in its cage.
8. "Do you like tea or coffee?" asked the server.
"I like coffee more than tea," the boy replied,
"but the coffee that is served here is bad; and so please give me a cup of tea."

Answers to Paper II.

1. (a) First the farmer comes with a plough which is dragged along by a pair of bulls all along the field till the ground is completely broken up. This is done usually after the ground has been wetted by rain. Then the farmer with the help of others beats down all lumps of earth. Then the farmer plants the seeds in one or two ways. He throws handfuls of seed all over the ploughed ground; or he plants a handful of young shoots which have been grown in a nursery. This is known as transplanting.

(b) I woke very early that day and it was just about to dawn. I could see the grey streaks of

the morning on the eastern horizon. It was a cloudless day and I soon saw a big ball of fire coming out the earth. The whole place was covered with a golden light and I could see the birds getting out of their nests. The whole world was bright and glad.

(c) My brother had very high fever all night. My father was away in Colombo. My mother asked me to take my brother to hospital. I took my brother to the Out - Patients' Department. There an officer gave me a ticket. I took my brother to the doctor who examined him very carefully, wrote down the names of some medicines on a piece of paper and gave it to me. I took it to the dispenser who gave me the medicine in a bottle which I had taken. I went home with my brother who is now all right.

(d) My father came home for the new Year. He had to go back to his work the following Monday. My father and I went to the Jaffna Railway station in a motor car. We went there at 6-15 p. m. My father booked his ticket and got for me a platform ticket. The train came sharp at 6-35 and my father got into a compartment. The guard whistled and the engine driver blew the engine's whistle and started the engine. My father waved me good bye and I waved to him in return. Then I went home in the same car which brought us to the station.

(e) The Jaffna market is a large one. One can buy almost everything there. On one side are found vegetables of all kinds. There is a section set

apart for fruits. There are sections where betel and arecanut are sold; there is a section where you can find currysuffs and provisions. The market is a very busy place. The Jaffna market is one of the busiest in Ceylon.

(f) The meeting began with a religious song by one of the girls. Then the Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. This was confirmed by the members who were there. Then there was an interesting story told by one of the members. It was a very funny story of a man and his dog. Then a girl sang a song very well. The Editor read the weekly paper. The members of the House offered a few remarks. With a few words from the chairman, the meeting ended with a prayer at about 5 p.m.

2. (a) A library is a place where we can read and borrow books.
- (b) We find books of all kinds.
- (c) The shelves have rows and rows of books.
- (d) Only in some libraries can we chose books ourselves.
- (e) We ask the man in charge of the library.
- (f) We write the number of the book we want on a piece of paper.
- (g) We can keep a book for a week and sometimes two.
- (h) We must take it back.

3. (a) The oxen were pulling the carts.
(b) Did the child see a bird?
(c) The thief stole a purse.
4. (a) I go to school at 8. a. m.
(b) I drink tea three times a day.
(c) I go to school walking.
5. (a) The mayor is the most important man in the city.
(b) How many cats did you see in the zoo?
(c) Were the babies sleeping in the bed?
6. (a) When the bell rang, the boys entered the class.
(b) Owing to the heavy rain, the train was late.
(c) If you want to do well in English, you must read more books.
7. This is the thief who stole my father's book.
He is the good man whom we saw yesterday.
Rama is the farmer whose field was ploughed last week,
8. "Thank you," replied the young man, though he was tired, "this cup of tea tastes like nectar. I am really very tired. Will you allow me to sleep under that tree?"

Answers to Paper III

1. (a) Both men and boys work in a cigar factory. Tobacco which has been specially treated is used to make cigars. Pieces of tobacco are taken and these are tightly rolled over with a long piece of tobacco by skilled workers. Then one of the boys

ties the cigar with a piece of fine thread. Then with a sharp knife the cigar is trimmed. A boy arranges them in tens and ties them together into a bundle. A cigar factory is a very busy place.

(b) Yesterday Rama and I were playing in the open space near my house. There was a great noise and I found a dog coming towards. Its tongue was hanging down and its eyes were terrible to look at. As it came towards us, I knew that it was a mad dog. I took out my shirt, covered my hand with it and stood there. My friend was behind me. The dog was chased by a number of people who with sticks beat it before it could reach me. The dog was killed on the spot.

(c) Yesterday my brother and I went to Regal Theatre to see 'Limelight' a very good film of Charles Chaplin. As we neared the theatre, we found a number of cars outside it. Men and women were busy booking tickets. They were moving in a queue. I joined the queue, bought two first class tickets and went in. A man checked our tickets and we took our seats. There was a white screen before us and the lights were on. We heard some recorded music. Five minutes before the time on which the film was to start, I heard a bell ringing. Then after five minutes the film began. It was a very good picture.

(d) Of all the games, I like football best. It is a game which gives me great joy. Every part of the body is properly exercised. It is a very

robust game and it enables many players to take part. A game lasts only just over an hour. It is the cheapest of games. If there is a ground eighty yards long and 40 yards broad and one has a football, more than twenty boys can enjoy a fine game. Football teaches us to be unselfish and the value of united effort.

(e) I was taken to school by my father. The Principal gave my father a form to be filled up. When my father had filled it up, I was called in and the Principal asked me a few questions. I was terribly afraid of him, but I answered all his questions. Then the Principal gave me a note to the teacher who was in charge of my class and sent the college peon to take me to my class. I walked along with the peon who took me to my class. I saw many boys and girls looking at me with curiosity and I felt very shy. Then the school sessions began and I did my work in the class.

(f) One day I went to Keerimalai with my friend Krishna. We reached the place at about 5 p.m. After a bath in the tank, we went for a walk along the seashore. The sun was about to set. It was a very big red ball of fire. It was about to enter the bed of the sea. I could see the sun slowly disappearing from my sight. Golden rays came out from the setting sun and the clouds too were golden in colour. Birds were returning to their nests and soon the place began to get dark. The sun had set.

2. (a) They wanted to become Buddhists when their king Tissa accepted Buddhism.
(b) Mahinda sent for his sister Sangamitta.
(c) He asked her to bring a branch of the bo-tree.
(d) It was important because Buddha found true knowledge under it.
(e) She went to her father and told him of it.
(f) The Emperor took a golden pot, filled it with earth and took it to the bo-tree. With a red pencil, he drew a line round the branch of a tree.
(g) He got a branch as the branch broke away by itself.
(h) It rose in the air, sent forth rays of different colours, came down to the pot of earth and sent roots into the earth.
3. (a) The children and the women are going home.
(b) The boy did not eat the apple.
(c) The teacher chose a book.
4. (a) Of the two brothers, Rama is better.
(b) There are a building and a school on the road.
(c) The water had overflowed the bridge.
5. (a) Govind is taller than any other boy in the class.
(b) Is he running home now?
(c) He has seen his mother walking home.
6. (a) Though I am weak in English, I hope to do well by the end of the year.
(b) No sooner did the teacher come to the class than the boys stood up.
(c) This is the house where my friend lives.

7. (a) Rani asked Sita where she was going then.
Sita replied that she was going to the market.
- (b) There was a very brave boy whose father was the captain of a ship which was sailing to Africa
8. "What are you reading?" asked the teacher during the English period.
- "I am reading a history book," replied the boy.
- "That's not right," said the teacher.

Answers to Paper IV

1. (a) In Jaffna harvesting is usually done in the month of February. The whole field is yellow in colour. The sheaves of grain have all fallen on the ground. Farmers and workers come to the ground with sickles and cut the rice plants. They tie them into bundles and heap them in open spaces. The bundles are then taken to the threshing floor where the paddy is threshed by cattle and men. The grain is thus separated from the stalks. Then the grain is stored in gunny bags.

Dr. Rajeswary Bhavan
Rajeswary Bhavan,
Parameswara College Road,
Jaffna.
1st May, 1960.

Dear Doctor,

My mother is having very severe fever. She is complaining of pain all over her body.

She is too ill to be taken even in a car to your clinic. I request you to be so good as to go over to my house and see my mother and do what is necessary. I shall be waiting for you.

Yours faithfully

Dr. S. Swaminathan

Nallur.

(c) Yesterday I went to see the U. S. I. S. Library in the Fourth Cross Street in Jaffna. It was a very big building and when I went in, I saw shelves and shelves of new books arranged according to the subjects they dealt with. There were many newspapers and magazines in shelves set apart for them. There were nice chairs to sit and read. The librarian was in a separate part of the library and was busy issuing books to those who wanted to take them home. It is a very useful and nice library.

(d) My sister was married on the 15th of August last year. After a bath she was dressed in fine clothes. My father and I dressed ourselves and went to the bridegroom's house to invite him and his relation to our house. They came with us in a number of cars. My sister dressed in bride's robes was brought to the dais in which the bridegroom was already seated. The priest then performed a few rites. Then he gave the sacred Thali to him to be tied to the neck of my sister. To the accompaniment of musicians, the bride-

groom tied the Thali. The old men and women blessed the new couple and wished them long life and prosperity.

(e) Preparations for the school sports meet usually begin a week or two before the actual day of the meet. The running track is first drawn with the lanes and the starts. The pits are dug and all the implements are carefully collected. A programme of the events is printed and circulated. Pavilions are erected the previous day and they are well decorated. Short eats are prepared and drinks are got ready for the athletes and the members of the various houses.

(f) My brother and I were playing a game of chess. I had already won the first game and we began the second game. I was in a better position and then I saw that my brother was moving his queen stealthily to a position to which it could never have been moved. I was very angry with him for cheating me and I told him that he was wrong in doing that. My brother in a loud voice said that it was I who was cheating and slapped me. I cried aloud and my father came there. He heard what had happened and scolded my brother for cheating. He also said that my brother was wrong in slapping me. As my brother felt sorry, my father left us.

2. (a) The girl was going to the city.
- (b) She was carrying a basket of eggs.
- (c) The girl said that she would buy some fine clothes with the money she got by selling the eggs.

(d) They would look because she was beautiful in silk stockings.

(e) A bus came along the road.

(f) As the girl jumped out of the way, the basket fell.

(g) The eggs were broken.

(h) The people laughed when they saw that all the eggs were broken.

3. (a) The goose is led to the market.

(b) The farmer sold all the paddy.

(c) The boy rode on the horse.

4. (a) How high is the wall?

(b) Where are the girls playing?

(c) When do you usually go to school?

5. (a) The rose is the most beautiful of all the flowers.

(b) The teacher said that all of us should come to school at 8 a. m.

(c) The rice was sold at 25 cents a measure to the poor woman by the shopkeeper.

6. (a) If you go to school late, you will be marked absent.

(b) Can you tell me when the moon will rise tonight?

(c) My mother was sewing a garment, while my sister was attending to the cooking.

7. (a) My mother asked if it was very hot outside. Her son replied that it was hotter than it had been the previous day.

(b) A songbird which had never been in a cage was singing very sweetly.

8 “Why are they holding me?” cried the mother, “my son is drowning and I must save him.”

“Hold her,” cried the men, “she will fall into the river and be carried away.”

Answers to Paper V

1. (a) Last August I went to Nallur Kandasamy temple to see the car festival. I started from my house at 8 o'clock in the morning. When I came to the temple, I found the car well-decorated with flags and leaves. There was a big noise and I found that men were bringing the image of the God to be placed on the car. Coconuts, plantains, betel were offered to God and camphor was burned before the image. Then all the people near the car took hold of the two long and thick ropes and began to pull the car. It was a very pretty sight.

(b) When I was walking along the Main Street, I noticed an Austin car coming towards me at a very great speed. I also saw that the car was not driven carefully as it was not going straight on the road. At that time, I saw a little girl on one side of the road about to run to her mother who was on the other side. I shouted to the girl that a car was coming, but she didn't hear my words. I suddenly rushed across the road and stopped the girl from crossing the road. I just missed being run over by

the car which stopped over a few hundred yards from where we stood.

(c) The coconut tree is a palm tree. It has no branches. Climbing a coconut tree is a difficult piece of work. The climber ties a piece of strong rope like a ring and puts it on his feet. Then using both his hands, he climbs the tree all the time holding on to the tree with his feet which are held together by the rope ring and his two hands. When he reaches the coconuts, he plucks them. The climber twists the stalks of the coconuts and plucks them.

(d) Tea plucking is a skilled job. The work requires great patience also. The tea plucker has a bag on his back and he goes to the tea bushes. He selects just the leaves which are tender and fresh and plucks them. He puts them into the bag on his back. He goes from one bush to the other and plucks tea. A tea plucker can pluck a large amount of tea leaves in a day.

(e) My father gave me a basket of vegetables to be sold at Jaffna market. He gave me drumsticks, brinjals, snake gourds and some chillies. I tied the basket to the carrier of my cycle and went into the market. I paid ten cents to the market contractor. As drumsticks were scarce, I was able to sell them at ten cents each; the brinjals I sold for 75 cents. Snake gourds and chillies were cheap and I could get only 60 cents for them. I returned with two rupees and twenty five cents.

(f) Last week a snake charmer came to my house. He was carrying a large cloth bag on his back. He placed this on the ground and from it took out a flat round basket. He opened the lid and I found a big cobra coiled inside. He took out his pipe and began to play a strange tune on it. The cobra raised its hood and began to dance. I was afraid of the snake, but the snake charmer told me that it was safe because he had pulled out the poisonous teeth of the cobra. My mother gave the snake charmer a rupee.

2. (a) Rama found a jar with a long neck.
(b) Because the neck was narrow.
(c) He wanted to take out the nuts.
(d) He took hold of three nuts.
(e) He could not take his hand out as the neck of the jar was narrow and his fist was very big with the nuts.
(f) Rama's father asked him not to be greedy, but to take out one nut at a time.
(g) Rama dropped two of the three nuts.
(h) He was able to take his hand out because his closed fist was now smaller.
(i) Because it had only one nut.
(j) Rama learnt that trying to grasp many he was about to lose all.
3. (a) Rama placed his feet on the mice.
(b) A mango is eaten by the child.
(c) The bachelor met the prince.

4. (a) Why did you come?
(b) What is your father?
(c) In which class are you studying?
5. (a) Krishna is the tallest boy in the class.
(b) Will your brother be seen in the school after 4 p. m.?
(c) Meera is neater than any other girl in the class.
6. (a) Hardly did the teacher come, when the boys stood up.
(b) He did neither his homework nor the work in the garden.
(c) If you want to help me, please come to my house this evening.
7. (a) The son asked his father whether the father would give him five rupees and that he wanted to buy a pen. The father asked him what had happened to his old pen.
(b) The boy was looking after the sheep on the hills from morning till night.
8. "Thank you," replied the young man, "this is really a better greeting than what we got at that village. Why do you live in a such a bad neighbourhood?"

Answers to paper VI

1. (a) My mother first lights the fire in the hearth with a few dry sticks and a piece of rag dipped in kerosene. She first boils water in a pot to cook

rice. When the rice is boiling, she cuts the vegetables into pieces with a knife mounted over a wooden board. She then cooks the curries over the fire. She is a very good cook and all her dishes are very tasty. They not only taste well, but they are also very nice to look at. Within a very short time she is ready to serve my midday meal.

(b) An oilbath day is very important in our house. Usually it is on a Saturday when we have no school. First mother rubs a lot of gingelly oil on our heads. Then we rub oil over our body and we remain thus oil-rubbed for nearly an hour. First mother pours water over us and then she removes all the oil on our heads either with soapnut powder or soap. Then water is again poured on the head and the oil bath is over. We dry our hair and our body with clean dry towels.

(c) I have a very nice home garden. It is in the piece of land in front of my study. I have many a beautiful flower plant in my garden. There are roses of various colours, jasmine, lilies, dahlias and zenias. Nothing gives me greater joy than to walk about in my garden in the evening when the lovely flowers of various colours raise their heads to welcome me. I water the plants daily and now and then I apply manure and earth to the beds of plants. My sister loves to gather flowers and makes garlands for the temple near my house, but I do not like to pluck the pretty flowers.

(d) First I would go to him when he is in a good mood and tell him that one must always do one's duty. We go to school to study. The teacher gives us homework to enable us to understand what he has taught in the class. If we try to do this without help, then we would have confidence to do similar work later. The teacher, too, will be glad to see that the pupils listen to his words of advice.

(e) I went to the Bank of Ceylon to cash a cheque given to me by my uncle. I found that it was a large building with many counters at which many men were working. I went to one of the counters and showed the officer there the cheque and asked him where it could be cashed. He directed me to the Counter of the Paying Cashier who received the cheque and gave me a token. Then later I got the money when I presented the token.

(f) An old man had eight sons who always quarrelled. He bade one of them to bring a bundle of sticks and asked each of them to break the sticks. Everyone tried, but could not break the sticks. Then he untied the bundle and gave each a stick to be broken. This they did easily. The old man told them that if they were united no one could do them harm, but if they were divided, they would become weak.

2. (a) The king invited everyone to the feast.

(b) He sent out messengers to invite them.

- (c) He was sad that he could not go to the feast.
 - (d) His blindness prevented him.
 - (e) He heard that in the same town there was a lame man who was also sorry that he could not go to the feast.
 - (f) He was sorry that he could not walk to the feast as he was lame.
 - (g) The blind man was to carry the lame man and the lame man was to direct the blind man.
 - (h) The blind man carried the lame man to the feast.
3. (a) The bench was full of potatoes.
- (b) The thief stole the purse.
- (c) Do the children run away from the mad dog?
4. (a) How many sheep and cattle have you?
- (b) Of the three fruits, that one is the best.
- (c) The teacher caned Rama and me.
5. (a) How many times have I asked you not to speak to me?
- (b) Is Rama coming to the meeting?
- (c) Lila is the prettiest girl in the school.
6. (a) The boy failed in the test because he did very badly.
- (b) Since last Thursday it has been raining heavily.
- (c) Make hay while the sun shines.
7. (a) His father who was a farmer ploughed his field which was a large one.

(b) The headmaster said that he found him guilty of the theft and said that he had disgraced that school. He ordered him not to come before him thereafter. He was ashamed to see him.

8. "Would you believe it, Govind", finally exclaimed Gopal, "I've asked three people where the hospital is!"

Answers to Paper VII

1. (a) My mother wanted me to look after my baby brother till she came back from the market. I gave my brother a few playthings and he was very happy. Then he grew tired of them and so I carried him to my garden and showed him the flowers. He wanted them and so I gathered a few and gave them to him. He appeared to be hungry. So I prepared some Horlicks, poured it into his feeding bottle and gave it to him. He drank it and fell asleep in my arms. I put him to bed and he slept till my mother came back.

(b) An election meeting took place in an open piece of ground opposite my house. A table and a few chairs were arranged. Then a mike was put there. A crowd began to collect and after some time the candidate and his supporters came there and the speeches began. Everybody listened to them in silence. A few questions were asked and to some of them the speakers replied.

(c) Last Friday at school there was a fight between two of my classmates Rama and Krishna. It appears that Rama had told another boy that Krishna had stolen a fountain pen at school. Krishna on coming to school asked Rama about this. Rama denied this, but Krishna was not satisfied. Hot words were exchanged and this would have led to blows but I went there, pacified them and told them that the pen had been found and returned to the owner.

(d) My Radio is a German - made one. It is a Telefunken five valve set. It has three wave bands and has a plastic case. The speaker is a very powerful one. I am able to tune to all stations in the world and the reception is really very good. My radio has given me good service all these years.

(e) When my sister was married I was the bestman during the wedding. I first went out to invite the bridegroom to our house. I was always by his side during the wedding. In the specially decorated car in which the married couple were led in procession, I was given a very prominent seat. The bridegroom was very kind to me. Was I not his wife's dear brother?

(f) A hare and a tortoise ran a race. The hare ran fast and just before it reached the end of the race lay down for a while as it saw the tortoise far away moving slowly. As it lay, it fell into a deep sleep. Meanwhile the tortoise slowly moved and overtook the hare. As

it was about to reach the end of the race, the hare woke up and raced fast. But the tortoise had already won the race.

2. (a) They were going along a forest.
(b) They saw a large bear.
(c) Chandran ran off and climbed a tree.
(d) Because he was unable to follow him.
(e) It sniffed round him for some time.
(f) The bear thought that Mohan was dead.
(g) Chandran asked his friend what the bear had said to him in his ear.
(h) Mohan told him that the bear had asked him never to trust a friend who had run away and left his friend in danger.
3. (a) My teeth were pulled by the doctor.
(b) A song is sung by the girl.
(c) The boy drew a good picture.
4. (a) How many pine-apples did my mother give you?
(b) Where has your uncle gone?
(c) When do you eat your supper?
5. (a) Mount Everest is the highest mountain in the world.
(b) Are all the children playing in the school?
(c) He has been given five rupees by his uncle.
6. (a) Before I could talk to him, his father took him away.

- (b) I do not know where he has gone.
 - (c) Although I was late to school, my teacher did not scold me.
7. The shopkeeper asked Govind how many pounds of sugar he wanted and added that sugar was very scarce. Govind replied that he wanted only two pounds.
8. Suddenly Uma thrust a handful of wood into the fire "Brother, fire!" she cried out, "Help! Help!" "You naughty girl," said her brother.

Answers to Paper VIII

1. (a) As soon as I go home, I take a cup of tea kept ready by my mother. I change my dress and then go at once to my flower garden to water the plants. Then I come back to my house and wash myself well in our bathroom. I then trim the wicks of the lamp, clean the chimneys and when it gets dark I light them. Then I offer my evening prayers to God and go to my study to do the day's lessons over again.

(b) I usually spend the vacation in play. I very rarely take up my books to study. I go to picture with my friends on some days. I pay visits to my relatives and spend some days with them. I spend the vacation by going on picnics to places nearby with my brothers and sisters. After the vacation is over, I feel fit to study again.

(c) The Yal Devi is a beautiful train. The engine and all the carriages are painted a light blue—the colour of the sky. The compartments are all very comfortable. The seats are fitted with leathered cushions and there are many electric fans in them. The lights are soft but bright. The train is the fastest on the Northern line and I love to travel in it. It stops only at important stations.

(d) My father gave me a telegram to be taken to the post office. It was to my uncle informing him that my mother was arriving at Colombo the next morning. I took it to the post office to the counter marked 'Telegrams'. The clerk took it from me and counted the number of words. As there were ten he asked me to affix a seventy-five cents stamp to the telegraph form. Then he gave me a receipt for the amount. I came home and gave the receipt to my father.

(e) I would like better buildings in my school. The seats and desks are very old and I like to sit on new benches and write on new desks. The laboratories must have more apparatus and there must be more room to do practical work. A good library containing books suitable for every class is very necessary. I very much like the school to be kept neat and tidy.

(f) This beggar always sits in front of the village temple. He is almost naked. He has only a rag covering his waist. He asks the passers - by

for a few cents. He bows with respect when one drops a coin into the bowl lying by his side. He does not curse, as some beggars do, when some one goes by without giving him a cent, because he always appears cheerful.

2. (a) A famous French writer tells us about the parrot and the cat.

(b) As he was going away for a short time, he wanted his friend to look after his parrot for him

(c) The cat wondered whether it was a bird or not as he had never seen a parrot before.

(d) The cat wanted to eat the parrot.

(e) He was thinking how fine he would feel after eating the parrot.

(f) The parrot was afraid because it thought the cat would harm it.

(g) The parrot cried out, "Haven't you had your breakfast?"

(h) The cat thought that the parrot was not a bird but a man.

3. (a) The child is biting the apple with his tooth.

(b) The farmer does not buy a lot of grain.

(c) The soldier slays the enemy.

4. (a) The Town Hall is the highest building in Jaffna.

(b) Are you sleeping in that room to-night?

(c) Were you given permission to attend the cinema?

5. (a) Out of the box come a few balloons.
(b) Owing to fever I did not attend school.
(c) The bird flew to the tree.
6. (a) After I had gone home, the teacher asked my friend where I lived.
(b) My mother scolded me, because I forgot to post a letter she gave me.
(c) Although the sun was very hot, my father went to the office.
7. (a) Though the wind was very rough, the boy did not put on his shirt.
(b) The merchant rode on a horse which was black.
(c) When the bell rang, the boys entered the class.
8. "Have you ever seen a bear?" said he.
"Yes," replied his friend.
"Where have you seen one?" he said.
"In a book," his friend replied.

Answers to Paper IX

1. (a) The first thing I would do would be to send someone to the nearest police-station or telephone booth to inform the police of the fire. The police would help to bring in the fire brigade. Then I would get hold of a number of people and ask a few to fetch water. I would myself climb to the roof and pour buckets of water and baskets of sand on the fire to put it out. If possible I will pull-out cad-

jans or leaves to prevent the fire from spreading further. I shall help to put out all traces of fire.

(b) I would go to my friend at once and find out if he has sustained any serious injury. If he is not conscious I shall summon a car and take him to hospital. If he needs any first aid, I shall give it to him. I shall then find out how the accident occurred. If the cyclist had been wrong, I shall advise him to be careful in future. If my friend had been severely injured, I might have to report the cyclist to the police.

(c) Every morning I find a queue of women patiently waiting along the roadside waiting for the fish-seller to come in his cycle. He comes with a basket full of fish. The women go to him, take the fish they want and ask for its price. Usually the fish-seller wants a high price. There is a lot of bargaining and finally the women pay a lower price and buy the fish. The fish-seller returns home with his basket empty.

(d) Once two boys each received a parcel of story books from their uncle. One of them patiently untied the strong white cord that was used to tie the parcel and kept it safe in his box. The other boy cut the cord into pieces and took his books. The next week the uncle came from abroad and gave each boy a nice top. The boy who had kept the fine cord took it out and used it to spin his top. The other boy could not spin the top as he had no cord.

(e) When I went near the tank, I found that there was enough water to swim. I took off my clothes, and wearing only my knickers, I entered the water and swam in it for sometime. The water was very fresh and I thoroughly enjoyed the bath. I came out of the water, gave my body a very vigorous rubbing and then jumped into the water again. Then after some time I came out and dried myself with a towel. Then I put on my dress and returned home.

(f)

No. 23, Arasady Road,
Jaffna,
2nd May 1962

My dear father,

You will surely be glad to hear that I have been promoted to the J. S. C. class. I did well in all subjects. In fact I was the first in the class, though in a promotion test, no rank is entered in the progress register. I have been sent to the J. S. C. (A) division. I need fifty rupees to buy the necessary books, exercise books etc. Please send me a money order at once for this amount.

Yours lovingly,

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2. (a) It is slow because only one fish can be caught at a time.
(b) Fish can be caught with nets.
(c) All the fish will escape.

- (d) If they catch too many fish which they cannot sell, they throw back some into the sea.
 - (e) Some fishes live in shells.
 - (f) Because they can go over the water like tiny aeroplanes.
 - (g) We find such fish in some parts of the world.
 - (h) They go to see them swimming here and there in the clear water.
3. (a) Did the teacher write the answer on the board?
(b) The old man was seen by the doctor.
(c) The brave man swims the river in flood.
4. (a) The whale is the largest of the sea-animals.
(b) Is this dish not better than that one?
(c) Did the hermit find all the men sleeping in the hut?
5. (a) While I was watering the garden, my father was digging the earth.
(b) Till you improve your Arithmetic, you will not get good marks.
(c) Unless your father gives you permission, I shall not take you to the theatre.
6. (a) Your pen is superior to mine.
(b) That log of wood has lain there for a long time.
(c) There is a chance of showers today.
7. The merchant asked him if he had no sense of shame. The previous day he had stolen a big loaf of bread. He had pretended not to have noticed it. But again he found him there that day also trying to steal another.

8. "Have you read any book by Dickens?" asked the man. "I have read 'The Tale of Two Cities'," said the boy. "It is a very good book," said the man.

Answers to paper X

1. (a) When I went to the Jaffna Kachcheri, I first went to the Enquiries section and found out where rice ration cards were issued. I went to the clerk in charge who gave me a form. He showed me how to fill in the form. I filled it carefully and gave it to him. He took it to the Assistant Food Controller who wanted certain more information. I was able to give this. The clerk told me that when I could go and that the card would be sent home to me by post.

(b) see answer to question 1 (a) in paper V.

(c) I always anxiously await the coming of these two holidays Saturday and Sunday. After a week's work I am usually very tired. On Saturday I get up a little later than usual and take a good oil bath. My mother prepares some special dishes on that day and I enjoy a hearty meal. On Sunday I stay at home and take complete rest. I look over the lessons done during the week and (on Sunday night) do any home work that might have been set. I feel fresh after these two days of rest.

(d) One of the important buildings in Jaffna is the clock tower. It is said that it is a very old tower, perhaps the oldest in Jaffna except the

Jaffna Fort. There is a giant clock at the top with four faces. The hands of the clock are very big, but it is a pity that very rarely the clock shows the correct time. Moreover the four faces of the clock often show four different times!

(e)

25, Palaly Road,
Jaffna.
2nd, May, 1962

Dear Sir,

I am sorry to inform you that my mother is seriously ill. She is having malarial fever. There is no one here to attend on her. My father is away in Colombo and he is unable to go over here at once as this is the end of the month when he has a lot of work to be done. Please give me a week's leave to attend on my mother. I shall attend school earlier, if my mother recovers.

Your obedient student,

S. Srinivasan Esq.

(f) A nobleman had a beautiful horse and carriage. He had spent a lot of money over the carriage. It was an ornamented carriage and gold and silver were used in plenty. The coachman one day came and told him that the iron rod which was used to fix one of the wheels to the carriage had been worn out and that it should be replaced. The nobleman did not want to spend any money on it, but asked the coachman to fit the same rod carefully.

The next day when the coach was driven, the rod broke and the carriage was ruined. The horse escaped being hurt, as the coachman was clever.

2.
 - a) He wanted an honest man to collect his taxes.
 - (b) He advised the king to invite all applicants to the palace.
 - (c) They were asked to walk along a passage and meet the king.
 - (d) It was a long dark passage.
 - (e) They were asked to dance.
 - (f) All except one refused to dance.
 - (g) The minister said that the man who danced was the only honest man.
 - (h) The others had filled their pockets with the money kept by the minister in the long dark passage.
3.
 - ~~a)~~ The hunter did not know the way.
 - (b) The child threw the mango.
 - (c) Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown.
4.
 - (a) What did your father bring from the village?
 - (b) When does the bell always ring?
 - (c) How much sugar have we in the house?
5.
 - (a) Rice is not dearer than wheat in our shops.
 - (b) How many days were you playing in the street?
 - (c) Many men have been thrown down by this wrestler.
6.
 - (a) There is no rose but has a thorn.
 - (b) Unless you listen to my advice, you will not do well in life.
 - (c) For the past one week, I have been listening to musical items.

7. (a) Mary whose father is a farmer is a little girl.
(b) I have a little dog which can run very fast.
(c) Rama has a very beautiful picture which was given to him by his father.
8. "Bring the black-and - white flask please," said mother, "I want it for the railway journey."
"It is cracked," father replied, "I dropped it on the floor."
"You are always careless," said mother.

Answers to Paper XI

1. (a) Our Chemistry teacher was preparing hydrogen in the laboratory by the action of dilute sulphuric acid on zinc shavings. There was a Kipp's apparatus and the gas came out of a delivery tube. This was collected in jars. A visitor came into the class and not knowing what was being done, struck a match near the apparatus. There was a big noise and the gas was set alight. The students ran away much afraid. But the teacher was calm. He closed the delivery tube and prevented a major accident

(b) *see answer to question 1* (c) **of Paper IX**

(c)

25, Brown Road,
Jaffna.

2nd May, 1962

My dear father,

You know I did not pay last term the facilities fees due to the college Yesterday my classmaster read out my name and said that I

had to pay for two terms. He also added that it was strange that I too had arrears of fees. I was ashamed when he said that. Please be good enough to send me Rs. 25/- at once to settle the fees.

Yours lovingly,

(d) It seemed to us that already the vacation had begun. No teacher or boy was found in the classes. Teachers were sitting in corners busy entering the marks in lists or on the progress reports. The students were busy adding their marks and finding out what their rank would be. Others were hunting for their scripts to find out if the adding of their marks was correct. The Principal was busy with arrangements for the next term. We were all in a holiday mood.

(e) The Navarathri Poojah was well celebrated in our school. Every morning there was a poojah conducted by one of the teachers. Then there was a Thevaram recital. This was always followed by a religious lecture by a learned man. In the evening there was again an assembly where religious songs were sung. The school was very well decorated during those nine days.

(f) A green red-cap Pilot fountain pen fitted with a fine point nib was lost in the college premises this morning. As the clip was a bit loose, it must have fallen from the pocket during the P. T. class. There is a dent in the cap. The owner will

be grateful if the finder returns the pen to the office.
The finder will be suitably rewarded.

- (a) His name was Kintu.
 - (b) His friend was a cow.
 - (c) He became a friend with a bee
 - (d) He found that he could not see his cow anywhere.
 - (e) He searched all day and everywhere for the cow.
 - (f) He looked for the cow all day.
 - (g) He searched for it in the fields, by the lake, and along the river.
 - (h) The bee said that an old man who lived in the mountains had taken the cow.
3. (a) Arachne weaves a beautiful picture.
(b) The oxen do not bathe in the river.
(c) Those women in the house are witches.
4. (a) How long is your pencil?
(b) Has he ever helped you in your school work?
(c) What are the little children flying?
5. (a) What is the man writing on the blackboard?
(b) That girl sings more sweetly than your sister.
(c) How many apples has that boy brought?
6. (a) It was raining very heavily when the train came to the platform
(b) I fell on the ground because I slipped.
(c) The dog which bit my sister is my neighbour's.
7. (a) Orpheus who was a musician had a harp which was given to him by God.
(b) The headmaster asked the teachers if they would take the boys on an educational tour during the coming term. School work alone would do them no good. They must show them what the world was like.

8. Savitri said to her daughter, "Did you go to school today?"

"Why, yes, mother. Why do you suddenly ask that question?"

"Because," said her mother, "I saw one like you in the cloth shop."

Answers to Paper XII

1. (a) *See answer to Paper VI-I (c)*

(b) I was walking along the Nallur Temple road just half an hour ago. I noticed this girl standing alone on one side of the road. She was weeping and appeared as if she were looking out for someone. I asked her name and she said that she was 'Nalini'. I tried to find out where she lived and who her parents were, but she did not seem to know anything. I brought her here to be restored to her parents.

(c) My mother helps me in so many things that I cannot think of anything in which she does not help me. She cooks my food, washes my clothes, makes my bed and even gets ready all my books to school. She is ever ready to help me in my homework. She is very intelligent and there is nothing that can baffle her. When I get back from school, she greets me with a smile. She has a cup of tea ready for me to drink.

(d) Any one of the stories in the answers to the previous papers can be used.

(e) The Jaffna Town Hall is the best public building in Jaffna. It is located in the heart of the town. It has a very spacious hall and on the wings there are long corridors. To the north of the hall along the sides are located the various municipal offices. The building is two-storeyed and there is a balcony on the front of the building.

(f) *The story of the Brahmin and the tiger could be used:-*

Outline- The tiger—old—greedy Brahmin—offers gold coloured grass twisted like a bangle as really gold bangle—brahmin caught in the mud—eaten by the tiger.

2. (a) This happened on the first of an October.
(b) The crowd were going to the hall.
(c) They were looking at the inside of the hall.
(d) It was a wonderful sight because everywhere there were guns and gun-carriages.
(e) The stars were made of guns crossed against one another.
(f) They were made of gun carriages.
(g) The main seat was made of a gun carriage used in a great battle.
3. (a) The stone is thrown by the child.
(b) The boy bought a torchlight.
(c) The countess gave a party to the Prince.
4. If you come tomorrow, I shall give you the book.
When the bell rang, the teacher came to the class.
Since Friday, I have been ill.

Unless you give the ring, I shall hand you over to the police.

Until you pay the fine, you should not attend the class.

5. (a) Are you coming with me to the carnival?
(b) This cake is better than that one.
(c) The merchant had brought the picture
6. (a) I shall not talk to you because you told me a lie.
(b) The flowers are beautiful when the morning sun shines on them.
(c) This boy who won the prize is my nephew.
7. (a) There is a temple in Mecca sacred to the Muslims who go there every year.
(b) The Emperor said to his Prime Minister that the five learned men seemed to be very capable in the skills they had learnt. He added that he should be allowed to give them costly presents.
8. "Do you really like to go to Keerimalai?" asked the grandmother.
"Yes, but I like to go to Nallur," said the young man.
"Why do you prefer Nallur?" asked the grandmother.

Answers to Paper XIII.

1. (a) *See answer to paper VIII - I (f)*
(b) *See answer to paper VIII - I (d)*
(c) I went last Monday to the barber's saloon for a haircut. First the barber took out a clean

sheet and covered my body with it. Then he took out a pair of scissors and a comb and began to cut my hair. He also used a hair-clipper to make the cut even. Then he applied some talcum powder to the back of my head. Then he removed the sheet which was covered with cut-hair.

(d).

17, First Cross Street,
Jaffna.
2nd May, 1962

My dear Govind,

I hear that your August vacation commences next week. It is indeed fortunate that my vacation too begins next week. Please arrange to spend the vacation with us. We shall play football and go on picnics. Father is here with us and he has promised to take us to some good pictures. I hope you will positively come.

Yours lovingly,

(e) I would first stop the bleeding if there is any. Then I will wash the bitten part with Dettol or any other disinfectant that is available. I shall then apply either tincture of Iodine or any sulpha ointment that I have. Then I shall place some cotton wool over it and cover it with a bit of sticking plaster.

(f)

No, 15, Arasady Road,
Jaffna.
2nd May, 1962.

Dear Sir,

I regret to bring to your notice of an incident that happened at college. Yesterday afternoon

I was sitting with some boys during the midday interval. Govind of Form V (A) was coming along that way. Some of those with me laughed at him and passed some remarks. Govind came there and struck me twice. I told him that I had not done him any wrong. But he angrily scolded me and asked me to be careful.

Yours obediently

The Principal,
Blankville College,
Erewhon

2. (a) Spring and autumn.
(b) The wet season and the dry season.
(c) When it does not rain it is called the dry season and when it rains it is called the wet season.
(d) We find such seasons in the Northern and Eastern provinces.
(e) The weather is always hot except in the hills.
(f) It is cool in the hills.
(g) In most parts the rain falls almost everyday.
3. (a) The postmen give the letters in the morning.
(b) The merchant did not say that he was not robbed.
(c) The swimmer chooses the longer path.
4. (a) How long should a football ground be?
(b) For what subject was he given the prize?
(c) When did he come to your house?
5. (a) Were you running along the seashore last week?
(b) Sita is the most beautiful girl in the class.
(c) My friend had for the first time chosen the correct number.

6. (a) You will be punished unless you tell the truth.
(b) He gave back the purse to the owner though he was very poor.
(c) I do not know whether he will pass the test this year.
7. (a) Milton who was a blind poet had three daughters who were keen students.
(b) The officer said that he had never seen a more careless young man and that surely he who could not add up those few figures did not deserve to remain there even for a day. He must dismiss him.
8. If I had fired a pistol into his ear, he would not have been more startled.

“To Edinburgh?” he repeated, “To Edinburgh where the very paving stones know you?”

Answers to Paper XIV

1. (a) We celebrated this year's Deepavali very well. My father bought new clothes for all of us. That day we got up very early in the morning and had an oil bath. We fired crackers and lit a lot of fireworks. We put on our new clothes and offered our respects to God and our elders. We paid a visit that day to our relations and friends.

(b) I dislike my uncle very much. He gets angry very easily. He always puts on a very sour face. He smokes very evil-smelling cigars. He never wears neat and tidy clothes. He has never a good word to speak to me.

(c) Old Gentleman - Are you going to wash the house today?

Servant - It was washed only last week.

Old Gentleman - The whole house is dirty and it should be washed.

Servant - But the mistress wants me to water the plants in the garden.

Old Gentleman - The mistress always wants you to disobey me!

(d)

12, Hospital Road,
Jaffna,
2nd May, 1962.

My dear brother,

I was shocked to hear from your friend Gopal that you have learned to smoke. Though I am younger than you, please listen to my advice. Smoking is an expensive habit. It affects the lungs and causes cancer. Both father and mother will be much troubled if they hear that you smoke. Please give it up now before it is too late.

Yours affectionately

(e) A railway engine is a huge one made of steel. There are two giant wheels and four smaller wheels which form the base. The long big cylinder-like portion is the boiler. The central part has all the instruments, including the throttle. The whole engine is joined to a coal fender. There is a funnel through which the smoke escapes.

(f) First we require better lanes and roads. The lighting there is very poor and this must be improved. Every house must be provided with a good lavatory. We require some good reading rooms and a library. A good playground is necessary for the boys and girls to play during the evenings. Good radios should be placed in the reading rooms.

2. (a) A whole family of villagers.
(b) They tried to climb the hill by holding on to a chain.
(c) A fierce storm.
(d) It swung it so far on one side that the chain was over a deep valley.
(e) The children and old people fell first and the strong young men fell last.
(f) Because the chain had swung far away from the hill side.
(g) They were watching the tragedy helplessly.
3. (a) The farmer sold the grain and bought necessary things.
(b) The child eats the mango.
(c) Rama does not see a picture.
4. (a) I have an electric fan in my house.
I went to the Hindu College Fun fair.
(b) The mare won the race.
Fifty rupees on that shed is mere waste.
(c) There are seven days in a week.
I am weak in English.
(d) The children see a picture.
I have never been to the sea.
5. (a) We were on the banks of a river watching the fish.
(b) This water is the worst in this village.
(c) Have you ever tasted this fruit?

6. (a) The boy entered the class before any student had come in.
 - (b) I have not seen him since last Friday.
 - (c) The leaves fall from the tree when the wind blows hard.
7. (a) The thief said that his mother was ill and was about to die. He stole only because he had no money to buy the medicine the doctor ordered. He asked the judge to give him work to do and that he would pay the money due from him twice over.
 - (b) The judge said that the law said that he should be punished and that he had to send him to jail.
8. "Here's Martha, mother," said a little girl.
 "Here's Martha, mother," said the two young Cratchits.
- "There's a goose too, Martha," said another.
- "Why are you so late?" the mother asked.

Answers to Paper XV

1. (a) *See answer to Paper VIII—I — (b)*

(b) I went to the Moonlight Laundry last evening. It is on Noman's Road. I found glass almirahs full of washed clothes. I found pairs of longs hung in show cases after dry wash. On another side I saw heaps of clothes handed over to be washed. Everything was kept very neat. I gave my clothes to be washed, got the receipt and returned home.

(c) My father took me to our tailor's shop. I wanted a few shirts and two pairs of shorts. My father had bought the cloth earlier at Venus Stores. The tailor took my measurements - hands, neck, body etc. and noted them down in a book. He then asked me to call for the shirts and the pairs of shorts the next week.

(d) I would advise them that they must not use such unfair methods. It was likely that they might be caught by the supervisors the next time. They would be punished severely if they were caught at public examinations. The authorities would debar them from examinations for a number of years. They would be laughed at by the others.

(e) Battery operated - Five Valve Telefunken Radio - Three Wave Bands - very good reception - Plastic case almost as new - owner selling it to buy a main set. Last price Rs. 200/-

(f) My aunt is my most favourite relation. She always treats me like her own son. She gives me new clothes and always forces me to stay with her for my meals. She tells me very nice stories. As she has only girls and no boys, she loves me more than even my mother. She is kind to all in the house and to all her friends.

2. (a) They kept them in very small cages.

(b) They died in a short time.

(c) They are given plenty to do now. The crocodile is given a pool, the deer a field to run in and the monkey a rope to climb up.

- (d) They were confined to a place and had no exercise.
 - (e) They can spend the whole day happily there.
 - (f) They stay the whole day.
 - (g) There is a place which serves drinks and shorteats.
3. (a) The bird flies away.
- (b) The child does not eat an apple.
- (c) The men and the children go home.
4. (a) Are the teachers going to examine us orally also?
- (b) My father gave me less money than my uncle.
- (c) Have the children given the tickets?
5. (a) She washed her hands because they were dirty.
- (b) I shall see your father after he comes from office.
- (c) Unless you improve in your English, you will not be fit for higher studies.
6. (a) I shall not go home until nine o'clock to-night.
- (b) I did not go because it was very dark.
- (c) I shall not go home unless you accompany me.
7. The boys of the school asked for a holiday.
- “No! No!” cried the Headmaster.
- The dull boy laughed and clapped his hands.
- “Why do you laugh?” asked the Headmaster.
- “You said, Sir, the other day, that two negatives make one affirmative.”
8. The Queen grew angry and asked him why he had disturbed her at that hour when she was so busy and whether he could never see how foolish it was

to go and see her when she had a lot of work to do. The young man replied that it was a matter of life and death to him.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PART I

1. *Write paragraphs of five to seven sentences on any three of the following subjects:*

1. A walk along a seashore.
2. Harvesting in your village.
3. The relation you like most.
4. The most important part of your village or town
5. Seeing your father off at the railway station.

2. *Read the following passage and answer briefly the questions given at the end of it:*

The front tyre of Rajah's bicycle is flat. A nail pierced it and there is a puncture. Rajah is a poor boy and so he does not want to take his bicycle to a repair shop. He is going to repair the puncture himself. He takes a little box from the tool bag at the back of his seat. He is now going to start work. First he must get the inner tube out. He pulls the inner tube out. The tube has no air inside it.

1. Which tyre of Rajah's bicycle is flat?
2. Why did it become flat?
3. Is Rajah a rich boy?

4. Why doesn't he want to take it to a repair shop?
 5. Who is going to repair the puncture?
 6. Where is the tool box?
 7. What does he first do?
 8. Why is there no air in the inner tube?
3. *Rewrite the sentences as directed:*
1. The mouse is running into a hole. (**in the plural**)
 2. The wise men were invited by the king. (**active voice**)
 3. The boy knew the answer. (**negative**)
4. *Write the questions for which the following are the answers:*
1. Many cars went to railway station this morning. (**when?**)
 2. The tiger is the fastest of the wild animals. (**which?**)
 3. My pencil is four inches long. (**how?**)
5. *Rewrite the following using the correct form of the word given in the brackets:*
1. The Prime Minister is the..... (**important**) person in the land.
 2. Are you (**go**) to the temple this evening?

3. Stones are.....(**throw**) by the mischievous boys.

6. *Complete the following sentences:*

1. As soon as the train came to the platform
.....

2. He was hungry because.....

3. Unless you tell me the truth.....

7. (a) *Rewrite as one sentence without using 'and'.*

The boy saw the teacher. The teacher was a tall man. He was carrying many books.

(b) *Turn into the indirect form of speech:*

The teacher said to the boys, 'Have you done your home work?'

The boys said, 'No, sir. We have done only two of the four questions. They are very difficult.'

8. *Punctuate putting in full stops, capitals, quotation marks etc.*

who is that young man following us i said
that is my son rama said the old man and
who are you i am raju the new headmasters
son i replied.

PAPER II

1. *Write paragraphs of five to seven sentences on any three of the following topics:-*

1. You go into a public library. Say what you saw there.
2. Your father gives you twentyfive rupees for the Deepavali. Say how you would spend the money.
3. Describe the work done by the monitor of your class.
4. Describe a bus journey you have made.
5. Your father gives you a letter to be sent by registered post. Say what you would do at the post office.
6. Your mother is ill. Write a letter to the Principal of your college asking him for a week's leave to attend on her.

2. *Read the following story and answer the questions under it:*

One day a monkey was sitting on the top of a coconut tree on one of the big leaves. A man was walking along the road near the tree. It was a very hot day. The man was very tired and thirsty. He stopped under the tree. He looked up

and saw many young coconuts at the top. He wanted to drink a young coconut. But they were too high for him. He did not know how to climb the tall tree. He saw the monkey sitting there. He had an idea. He picked up a stone and threw it at the monkey. The monkey became very angry. It pulled a coconut and threw it at the traveller. The traveller picked it up, opened it with a pen-knife and drank the sweet milk.

1. Where was the monkey sitting?
2. Why was the traveller thirsty?
3. What did he want to drink?
4. Why couldn't he get a coconut himself?
5. What did he throw at the monkey?
6. Why did the monkey pull a coconut?
7. How did the traveller drink the sweet milk?

3. *Rewrite as directed:*

1. The pen lay on the table. (**rewrite in the present tense**)
2. The girl saw the picture. (**rewrite in the negative.**)
3. The soldier slew the enemy. (**passive voice**)
4. My father bought a goose. (**rewrite in the plural**)

4. Rewrite the following sentences using the correct form of the word given in the brackets:

1. Is your sister (play) in the garden?
2. Raja is (clever) than any other boy in the class.
3. Have you ever.....(go) to Kandy.
4. The man saw the girls (sing) in the temple.

5. Complete the following sentences:

1. If you come late to school every day
2. I walk very slowly because
3. I have not seen your sister since.....

6. (a) Rewrite as one sentence without using 'and'

Rama was a young shepherd. He was guarding a flock of sheep. He was guarding it every day.

(b) Rewrite in the indirect:

The king said to his ministers, 'Get away from my sight. I do not want to see your faces.'

The ministers said, 'Why are you so angry?'

7. Punctuate:

please give me some tea said ramas father
ramas mother gave him a cup of hot tea i

want one more cup please the tea is really very good said the father.

PAPER III

1. *Write paragraphs of five to seven sentences on any three of the following topics:*

1. Write a short account of what you did today before beginning to answer this paper.
2. How you propose to celebrate this Deepavali or this Christmas.
3. Your class teacher has arranged a tour round our peninsula. Write to your father for some money for the expenses.
4. You go to a hospital to visit a sick friend. Say what you saw there.
5. Describe an accident which you saw.
6. Describe the sowing season in a village.

2. *Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it:*

One day our art teacher told us to make a drawing of a room. I drew my picture at home. Then I started to put the ink away. A blot dropped right in the middle of my picture. It was too late

to make another drawing. I began to weep. When my mother heard about the blot, she said, 'Don't weep. The ink blot looks like a black spot on a little dog. Just draw a little dog. Often you can turn bad luck into good luck.' I sat down and drew a dog round the black spot.

The next day in school they all said that my picture was the best. My teacher said 'Look at the good idea Raju had. The little dog makes it a beautiful picture.'

1. What did the art teacher ask Raju to draw?
2. Where did the blot drop?
3. Why did Raju weep?
4. What did the blot look like to Raju's mother?
5. What did Raju do?
6. Whose picture was the best?
7. What made it a beautiful picture?

3. *Rewrite as indirect:*

1. The birds flew to the branch of a tree.
(**rewrite in the present tense**)
2. Let the window be opened by you. (**rewrite in the active voice**)
3. The Prince and the Queen are coming today.
(**other gender**)

4. *Complete the following:*

1. Until you finish your home work _____
2. He is not coming to school today because _____
3. Though he is not rich _____

5. *Use the following words in sentences of your own:*
when, since, where, therefore, unless.

6. *Rewrite in the indirect:*

‘Have you ever gone to Keerimalai?’ said the old man to Raju. ‘Yes, I have gone many times to Keerimalai. I went there even last week. Why do you ask me this question?’ ‘I asked you because I saw you last week there,’ said the old man.

7. *Punctuate putting full stops, capital letters, quotation marks etc.*

tell me about horses i said where are they found well my boy they are found in arabia they run very fast their legs are suited to fast running havent you seen race horses.

PAPER IV

1. *Write paragraphs of five to seven sentences on any three of the following topics:*

1. You are given ten rupees by your father to

do some shopping. Say what you did at the shop.

2. Describe a railway station when a train just comes in.
3. You go to the Principal to explain why you were absent for a week. Say what happened there.
4. Describe your home garden.
5. You are cycling home after a game in a neighbouring ground. Your cycle gets punctured. Say what you did to get home.
6. A moonlight walk along the seashore.

2. *Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it:*

Have you ever heard the thunder before you have seen the lightning? The bright student sometimes might say that he heard the thunder before he saw the lightning. Has anyone seen the lightning after he has heard the thunder? No, No one has ever seen the lightning after he has already heard the thunder. The reason for this is very simple. Light travels much faster than sound. Sound travels much slower than light. That is why we always see the lightning before we hear the thunder.

1. Is the thunder heard before the lightning or after?
2. Has any one heard the thunder before the lightning?

3. Why does the bright student say that he has heard the thunder before he saw the lightning?
4. What is the reason?
5. Which travels faster sound or light?
6. How do you know it?

3. *Rewrite as directed:*

1. The leaves fall from the tree. (**rewrite in the past tense**)
2. Shut the gate. (**rewrite in the passive voice**)
3. The man catches the thief. (**rewrite in the plural**)

4. *Fill up the blanks with the correct forms of the words given in the brackets:*

1. Are you _____ (**come**) with us to the picture?
2. Sita is the _____ (**pretty**) girl in the class.
3. The old man was seen _____ (**plant**) young mango trees.

5. *Complete the following sentences:*

1. The poor girl was weeping because _____
2. When the sun set _____
3. Before the policeman could catch the thief _____

6. Write the questions for which the following are answers:

1. My house has five rooms. (**How many**_____)
2. My father has gone to Kandy. (**Where**_____)
3. I fell down because the ground was slippery.
(**Why**_____)

7. Combine into one sentence without using (**and**):—

The deer was looking into the water. It was a pretty deer. It had very pretty horns.

8. Punctuate using full stops, capital letters, commas, etc.

into the hall came a number of doctors lawyers teachers and students to hear the speech then after a while came dr t w ross the famous surgeon the speaker.

PAPER V

1. Write paragraphs of five to seven sentences on any three of the following topics:

1. Describe how you spend your evenings after you return home from school.
2. Describe a market day.
3. Write a letter to a friend of yours inviting him to attend your sister's wedding
4. Describe your village or town to a friend who has not seen it.

5. Write a brief account of your family.

6. Give a description of the house in which you live.

2. *Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it:*

One day an ant was walking in a forest. It was very thirsty. It saw a lake. It went to the lake and drank some water. It fell into the lake. There was a green parrot on a tree near the lake. The parrot saw the ant and was very sorry for it. It pulled a leaf from the tree and threw it into the lake. The leaf fell near the ant. The ant saw the leaf. It climbed on the leaf and sat on it. It was happy because it was now safe. When the wind blew slowly the leaf floated to the shore of the lake. The ant was saved. 'Now I must do something for you,' said the ant. One day the ant saw the parrot again. It was sitting on a tree. A hunter was behind the tree. He was aiming at the parrot with his gun. He wanted to shoot the parrot. The ant ran quickly and bit his foot. The gun went off, but the hunter missed his aim. The shot went wide. The parrot heard the noise and flew away. It thanked the little ant for saving it.

1. Why did the ant fall into the lake?

2. Where was the parrot sitting?

3. What did the parrot do?

4. What did the ant do when it saw the leaf?

5. Why was the ant happy when it reached the shore?
6. What did the ant do when it saw the hunter ready to shoot the parrot?
7. Why did the hunter miss his aim?
8. Why did the parrot thank the little ant?

3. *Rewrite as directed:*

1. Raju saw the little bird. (**rewrite in the negative**)
2. My tooth has fallen. (**rewrite in the plural**)
3. My teacher gave me a book. (**rewrite in the passive voice**)
4. I gave my friend a book. (**in the future tense**)

4. *Write questions for which the following are answers:*

1. I was late because it was raining. (**Why**)
2. The bell rang when the meals were ready. (**When**)
3. The volleyball court is thirty yards long. (**How**)

5. *Rewrite the following sentences using the correct form of the words given in the brackets:*

1. Two of my sisters are (**sing**) in the concert.

2. Have you ever (**hear**) my brother singing?

3. He is (**tall**) than any other boy in this class.

6. *Complete the following:*

1. As soon as the bell rings _____.

2. My father believed tha _____.

3. If the sun shines very brightly _____.

7. (a) *Combine into one sentence without using 'and'.*

There is a well at Nallur. It has very sweet water. The water is drunk by all the people in the village.

(b) *Rewrite in the indirect:*

"Can you read this story book?" said the teacher to the boy. "No, sir. The words are very hard. I do not understand even one sentence in it."

8. *Punctuate using full stops, commas, capital letters, quotation marks etc.*

i think it is ours said the boy no it is not ours it is theirs said his sister this dog has a dark grey patch on its left ear ours has one on its right ear

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