

GRAMMAR

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1. Write meaningful sentences by re-arranging the words given below. Use capitals where necessary. The first one is done for you. (1 x 5 = 5 marks)

(1) Sumudu / the/ sat/ front/ room/ in

Sumudu sat in the front room

(2) blank/ paper/ in front of / he/stared/ at/ him/ the

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(3) key /lock/ gently/ mother/ the/ slid/ into/ the

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(4) favourite/ I/ my/ cook/ am/ rice/ going/ vegetable/ to/ fried.

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(5) around/ the/ man/ furniture/ looked/ cheap/ for

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(6) his/ playing/ were/ brothers/ shouting/ while

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2. Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the verb given within brackets.

(1 x 9 = 9 marks)

(1) If I find (find) her address, I will send her an invitation.

(2) If you _____ (do) these activities properly, you will improve your English.

(3) If they do not study hard, they (not pass) the examination.

(4) She would go to the library, if she (feel) better.

(5) If Janith had asked the teacher, she (help) him.

(6) I would have written you a letter, If I (have) your address.

(7) If my mother had taken the bus, she..... (arrive) on time.

- (8) If I had run fast, I (win) the race.
- (9) If we find a bat and a ball, we (play) cricket.
- (10) If I had joined the trip, I(see) the sunrise from Sri pada.

3. Read the following letter. In each line one word is incorrect and it is underlined. Write the correct word in the space provided. The first one is done for you.

(1 x 10 = 10 marks)

25th May 2014

Dear Kalhari,

Are you alright? We 1)miss you at the

meeting of 2)an Drama Club. Nimala said that you were

not well. The meeting 3)hold last Monday.

We had a wonderful guest speaker 4)which

did a very good session 5)at Voice Training.

All of us 6)was able to get a chance of learning how

to use our voice 7)good. We performed a mini play

to 8)entertained the participants. The play was

really 9)interest and everybody enjoyed it.

10)Getting well soon!

11) Please didn't miss the next meeting on the 30th of June.

With love,
Thilanka

(1) missed

(2).....

(3).....

(4).....

(5).....

(6).....

(7).....

(8).....

(9).....

(10).....

(11).....

4 . Fill in the blanks with the correct prepositions given in the box. The first one is done for you. (1 x 5 = 5 marks)

for, at, with, by, to, for

33, Karunadasa Mawatha,

Colombo.

12thSep 2014

Dear Kavishka,

Thank you (1) for your letter, which I received last Monday. I'm sorry (2)not writing to you promptly. We are (3)home enjoying the holidays. We are planning (4)..... go on a trip to Hikkaduwa (5)..... train. Would you like to join us (6)your brother? Please let me know your plans.

Yours,

Nimal.

5. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions from the box. The first one is done for you. (1x5 = 5 marks)

by, in, of, on, to, with

Embekke Devala is unique for its wood carving . It was built (1) by king Wickramabahu III (2)..... Gampola . It is situated (3) the Kandy district. When you come (4)the main entrance of the Devala, you will find the main hall decorated (5)..... wood carvings. You can see

beautiful, unique wood carvings (6)..... the columns, pillars and doors. The Embekke belongs to the 14th century (1357-1374).

6. Complete the following role play between a Salesman and a Customer. Selecting the correct word or phrase from the box. The first one is done for you.

between, out, to, in , at , into, with, for, on, behind, of, out of

Salesman: Excuse me sir, can I help you?

Customer : Sure! I am looking (1) for some washing powder.

Salesman: Here sir just (2) you (3) the rack.

Customer : Thank you. I have a long list. Can you please help me to find these?

Salesman: Certainly sir. Let's see, the pots of curd are (4)..... the fridge.

Customer : I need some sweets too.

Salesman: Sure sir, they are (5) the confectioner's counter.

Customer : A packet of Super White soap?

Salesman: Sorry sir, it is (6)..... stock.

Customer : It's ok. I'll try another packet (7) washing powder. I need coconuts too.

Salesman: Mmm..coconuts are (8)..... the rice and the dhal sacks over there?

Customer : Where's my basket?

Salesman: Don't worry sir. It's (9)..... me. I have already put the items (10)the basket.

Customer : Thank you.

Salesman: Sir, I will give your basket (11)..... your driver.

7. Some words in the following passage are incorrect. They are underlined. Write the correct form of the word in the space provided. The first one is done for you.

(1/2x10 = 5 marks)

Last year three friends decided
to spend a holiday in the mountains.

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| They 1) <u>sets off</u> by car early in | 1) set off |
| 2) <u>a</u> morning and by late afternoon, | 2)..... |
| 3) <u>them</u> had almost reached the village where they | 3)..... |
| 4) <u>are</u> going to stay. | 4)..... |
| 5) <u>Stop</u> for a | 5)..... |
| 6) <u>quickly</u> cup of tea at a wayside cafe, they set off again | 6)..... |
| along the winding road that | |
| 7) <u>lead</u> to the mountains. | 7)..... |
| 8) They <u>have</u> a map with them and according | 8)..... |
| 9) <u>for</u> that the village they were | 9)..... |
| 10) <u>go</u> to stay in | 10)..... |
| 11) <u>is</u> only about fifteen miles away. | 11)..... |

8. Read the text and fill in the blanks selecting the correct question word. The first one is done for you. (5 marks)

Where, How, What, When, Why, Who

1) Why are you late? Because I missed the usual bus.

2)..... did you return his book? Yesterday.

3)..... do you travel to office? By train.

4)..... is your favourite fruit? Pineapple.

5)..... did you keep my diary? In your bag.

6)..... is your class teacher? Mrs.Malathi Mendis.

9. Read the following passage. In each line one word is incorrect and it is underlined. Write the correct word in the space provided. The first one is done for you. (1/2x5=10)

Once there was a reindeer called Rudolph. He had a red nose(1) where 1) which

was very shiny. If you ever saw him, you would even

(2) saying "it glows". 2).....

All the other reindeers used to (3) laughing at him. 3)

They didn't let Rudolph (4) joining in any of their games. 4)

So Rudolph (5) were very unhappy. Then on 5).....

one Christmas Eve, Santa (6) speaks to him and 6)

- (7) invites him to lead his team of reindeer 7)
- (8) on the fog. Rudolph's nose was like a guiding light! 8)
- Rudolph was so happy and (9) excite. All the other reindeer 9).
- too were (10) over joy. Even today, little children 10)
- 11) when believe in Rudolph are waiting for him on Christmas eve. 11).

10. Complete the following passage using the correct passive form of the verb given within brackets. The first one is done for you. (1x5 = 5 marks)

Bees are a community-based group of insects that produce honey. Each day, nectar, pollen and water (1) are collected (collect) by bees and taken back to their hive. Raw nectar is collected from flowers. Then the nectar (2)..... (mix) with secretions from their glands. After that it (3)..... (store) in cells and the moisture (4)..... (remove) by air circulated by fanning. Once the honey (5)..... (ripe) sufficiently, the cells (6)..... (seal) with bee wax for storage. A well-managed hive produces a harvest between 60-200 kilograms per year.

11. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb given in the brackets. The first one is done for you.

Vidya was a milk- maid. She (1) lived (live) on a big farm in the countryside. She (2)..... (milk) the cows. She (3) (feed) the hens, collected the eggs and (4).....(take) them to the shop. Vidya (5).....(is) very happy with her simple lifestyle. She (6) (like) the life on the farm.

12. Complete the following dialogue between a policeman and Sanjaya. Select the correct question word and underline. The first one is done for you.

Policeman : Hello, can you stop the engine please?

: (1) a) (Whose / b) Who) car is this?

Sanjaya : It's mine.

Policeman : (2) a) What / b) How) is the number?

Sanjaya : SP 9909.

Policeman : (3) a) What / b) How) old are you?

Sanjaya : Eighteen.

Policeman : (4) a) When / b) What) is your date of birth?

Sanjaya : 21stFebruary , 1998.

Policeman : (5) a) Where / b) When) is your driving licence?

Sanjaya : Oh! I have left it at home.

Policeman : (6) a) How long / b) How far) is it to your home?

Sanjaya : 2 miles.

Policeman : Ok. Let's go to the police station.

13. Join each of these pairs of sentences to form a complete sentence using 'and' or 'but'. The first one is done for you. (5 marks)

- 1) I went to Kandy
I watched the Kandy perahera.

I went to Kandy and watched the Kandy perahera.

- 2) It was raining heavily.
We played in the garden.

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- 3) My sister went to the market.
She brought some vegetables.

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4) There were dark clouds in the sky.
It did not rain.
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5) My mother prepared the lunch.
She asked us to have lunch.
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6) I drew a picture.
I did not show it to anybody.
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14. Read the following utterances expressed by some of the students in Mala's class on 'Preventing the dengue menace'. Write how Mala told her parents what they said. The first one is done for you. (5 Marks)

1. Meena :

My father cleans the drains every week.

2. Farook :

I bury unwanted empty vessels.

3. Rani :

I never throw empty plastic containers in my garden.

4. Nathan :

I make the neighbors aware of the dengue menace.

5. Amali :

I burn the garbage once a month.

6. Kalum :

I check for mosquito breeding places in my house daily.

Eg :-1) Meena said that her father cleans the drains every week.

- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

15. These are some of the ideas Mr Wickramasinghe, the Physical Health Inspector (PHI) of Samagipura. Write how the reporter reported them. The first one is done for you. (5 Marks)

6 I take legal action against the people who breach the law.

1. I advise the public not to throw empty plastic containers here and there.

5 I make the people aware of the dengue menace.

2. I advised the public to clean the drains regularly .

3 I check mosquito breeding places daily.

4 I organize 'Shramadana' campaigns.

Eg:-1. Mr.Wickramasinghe said that he advises the public never to throw empty plastic containers here and there.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

16. Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the verb given in brackets.

(1/2x10 = 5 Marks)

Part A

The Tiger Child

Long ago the tiger used to cook his food. One day his fire 1) went (go) out. ¹So the tiger (2) (have) to go to the village to 3)(fetch) some fire. ²The people (4)(be) frightened, when they (5)..... (see) the tiger coming. ³They (6)(lock) their doors. So the tiger 7)(rush back) to the jungle. He (8) (visit) his sister who had a small cub. (9)" (go) to the village" and fetch me fire", said the tiger to the nephew. The cub (10) (start off) but on his way he played with the monkeys and climbed trees. By the time he (11)(reach) the village, he had forgotten what his uncle wanted.

Part B

Frame 3 'why' questions on the sentences marked as ^{1,2,3}

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2.
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3.
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17. Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the verb given within brackets.

(1x5 = 5 Marks)

One day a woman 1) went (go) into a restaurant and 2).....(order) three glasses of orange juice. She 3) (start) drinking them as quickly as she could. "Why are you drinking so fast?" inquired the restaurant keeper. The woman replied "You would 4)..... (do) the same if you had what I 5)..... (have)". The restaurant keeper looked at her curiously and asked "What 6).....(do)you have? The woman replied "An empty purse "

18. Given below are some expressions of a group of students in grade 11 B about the class teacher's inquiry on the arrangements for the vesak festival. Write how the students told the teacher about the arrangements. The first one is done for you.

(1x5 = 5 Marks)

What are your arrangements to celebrate the vesak festival ?

Class teacher

I can put up a vesak lantern

Kamani

I am going to help in erecting a vesak pandol

Geetha

I will write a beautiful poem on vesak

Bimari

I can prepare kiribath for the dansala

Devi

I will organize a kiribath dansala

Deepika

I am going to observe Sil.

Seeha

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01. Kamani said that she could put up a Vesak lantern.

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