

READING

1. Complete the following description written by a student. It is about who a good friend is. Fill in the blanks using the words given in the box below. Write the correct letter in the space given. The first one is done for you. (1x5 = 5 Marks)

a. some one	b. advice	c. best friend
d. no one	e. listen	f. you

A best friend is (1) (a) you can talk to and who will (2) to you. He will give you (3) when you need it. If your best friend doesn't listen to (4)....., then that person isn't a very good friend. My (5)..... and I are very close, there is (6) I would rather be with. He makes me feel free.

2. Read the following information about Ranjith and complete his job application form given below. Write the correct number in the space. The first one is done for you. (1/2x10 = 5 Marks)

(1) Sri Lankan	(2) Diploma in English	(3) Samantha Ranjith Perera
(4) rsamanp@gmail.com	(5) Rajarata University of Sri Lanka	
(6) 17, Galle Road, Colombo 03	(7) A member of the prefect guild	
(8) 18 March, 1985	(9) Bachelor of Arts	(10) S.R. Perera
(11) President of the English Literary Association		

- (a) Name with initials : (10)
- (b) Name in full :
- (c) Nationality :
- (d) Address :
- (e) Date of birth :
- (f) Email :
- (g) University attended :
- (h) Educational Qualifications:
- (i) Extra curricular activities :

3. Complete the following passage. Use the words given in the box. The first one is done for you. (5 marks)

family	hands	weight
ferocious	pounds	fruits

Gorillas

Gorillas live in the dense forests of Central Africa. They live in (1) family groups. A full grown male gorilla weighs over four hundred (2) The females are lighter in (3)..... So only the females and the young ones climb trees. Gorillas use both legs and (4) when they walk. They feed on (5)....., leaves and other vegetation. Although they look (6)..... they are generally peaceful.

4. Read the news report and answer the questions.

(5 Marks)

Electric fences renovated

The Wild Life Conservation Department has taken steps to repair the electric fences in the sanctuaries in the border areas of the Matale district, to drive away the wild elephants.

The electric fences erected at Sigiriya, Wasgamuwa and Kahalla – Pallekele sanctuaries are in a dilapidated condition permitting elephants to invade the villages. Therefore, all electric fences, erected around the sanctuaries, will be repaired. The public on its part should extend their support to maintain these fences as it costs millions of rupees to put up fences.

- (1) What is this news item about?
- (2) Which institution has started repairing the electric fences?
- (3) What is the reason for repairing electric fences?
- (4) What phrase in paragraph 2 suggests that the fences are in need of repairing?
- (5) Why should the public help maintaining the fences?

5. Given below is a set of questions and answers on Ruwan's pet. Match the questions with the answers. Write the number of the correct answer in the brackets given against each question. The first one is done for you.

(10 Marks)

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|-----|----------------------|---------|
| (a) | What is Ruwan's pet? | (10) |
| (b) | Who gave it to him? | () |

- (c) How old is it? ()
- (d) What colour is it? ()
- (e) What is its name? ()
- (f) Is it a male or a female? ()
- (g) What is its favourite food? ()
- (h) What does Ruwan do to keep it clean? ()
- (i) What does Ruwan give it to keep it healthy and strong? ()
- (j) Where does it sleep? ()
- (k) What kind of a puppy is it? ()

1. brushes him
every day

2. Ten

3. Black

4. milk

5. in a basket

6. a German
Shepherd

7. Ruwan's
friend

8. a male

9. vitamin
tablets

10. a puppy

11. Blacky

6. Read the following newspaper notice and answer the questions given below.

(10 mark)

'Save Our Planet' – Painting Competition

"The environment is very important to us. Therefore, we must protect it". The Central Environmental Authority has organized a painting competition on the above theme to select pictures for the Annual Magazine. We invite you, the students of all schools in Sri Lanka to participate in this competition and win prizes for yourself and for your school.

Theme: Protect Our Environment

Age group	Places
1. 7-12 years	2 winners 4 runners up
2. 13-19 years	2 winners 4 runners up

Prizes:

Winner /	1 st place – Rs.25,000.00, School Rs.10,000.00
	2 nd place – Rs.20,000.00, School Rs. 8,000.00
	3 rd place – Rs.15,000.00, School Rs. 6,000.00
	Five consolation prizes will be awarded to each category

Entries:

- Each participant can send only one entry.
- Entries must be sent through the Principal of the school to the following address on or before 16th October, 2015.

Secretary,
The Central Environmental Authority,
Colombo 05.

1. What is the topic of the competition?

.....

2. What is the purpose of the competition?

.....

3. Who can participate in the competition?

.....

4. What is the theme of the competition?

.....

5. What is the prize given for the 1st place?

a) competitorb) school.....

6. How many consolation prizes are awarded for the 13-19 year category?

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7. How many entries can a child send?

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8. Who must forward the children's applications?

.....

9. When is the closing date for the entries?

.....

10. What do the following words refer to?

i) it (Paragraph 1, Line 1)

ii) We (Paragraph 1, Line 2)

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

NOTICE

English Literary Association,

St. John's College – Jaffna.

We wish to inform our members that

Prof. Peter Robinson

will deliver a lecture on

“Learning Language through Literature”

in the main hall at 2.00 p.m.

on Saturday the 21st June, 2015.

M. Raveendran

Secretary

1. For whom this notice is?
.....
2. Who is going to deliver the lecture?
.....
3. What is the topic of the lecture?
.....
4. Where will the lecture be held?
.....
5. Who is the Secretary ?
.....

8. Read the following sentences. Fill in the blanks with the correct word given in brackets.

(5 marks)

1. do you live? (Wear / Where)
2. Presently most people in the country are reluctant to eat (meet / meat)
3. We play badminton in the badminton (court / coat)
4. Please, don't (waste / waist) your time.
5. Mr. Silva's (son / sun) is in grade 11.

9. Complete the dialogues selecting the correct word/s from the words given within the brackets. The first one is done for you. (5 marks)

(sports meet / brother / language / on leave / sixteen / where)

1. A: Could I speak to Mrs. Jayalath Please?
B: Sorry, she is (1) on leave today.
2. A: Could you please tell me (2) the hospital is?
B: Go ahead and turn to your right.
3. A: Is English your first (3)?
B: No. It's not. It's Spanish.
4. A: How old is your (4)?
B: He is (5)
5. A: May I know when our (6) is?
B: It's on 29th Friday of next month.

10. Complete the following note using the pronouns given in the box. The first one is done for you. (1x 5 = 5 marks)

I, it, my, you, your, me

Dear Radha,

Please tell the teacher that (1) I am unable to come for sports practice today as I have to go to (2) brother's school to pick him after school. I am sending (3) history book along with Sunimali. (4) was

very useful for me. Please excuse (5)for the delay. I will see (6)
..... soon.

Jayani

11. Read the description on the Yala National Park and answer the questions.

The Yala National Park is the most visited and the second largest National Park in Sri Lanka. It is situated in the southern region of the country and lies partly in the Southern Province and Uva Province. The park covers 979 square kilometers and is located about 300 kilometers away from Colombo. Yala was designated as a wildlife sanctuary in 1900, and along-with Wilpattu it was one of the first two national parks in Sri Lanka, to be thus designated. The park is best known for its variety of wild animals. It is important for the conservation of Sri Lankan Elephants and aquatic birds.

There are six national parks and three wild life sanctuaries in the vicinity of Yala. The park is in the dry semi arid climatic region. Yala hosts a variety of ecosystems ranging from moist monsoon forests to fresh water and marine water lands. It is one of the 70 Important Bird Areas (IBAs) in Sri Lanka. There are 215 bird varieties including six endemic species of Sri Lanka in Yala. The number of mammals that has been recorded from the park is 44 and it has one of the highest leopard densities in the world.

1. State whether the following statements are true or false by writing T or F against each of them.

(a) Yala is the largest national park in Sri Lanka.

(b) The park lies in Western and Sabaragamuwa Provinces.

(c) Yala was designated as a wildlife sanctuary in 1900.

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(d) The Yala national park is very close to Colombo.....

(2 marks)

2. How many square kilometers does Yala park cover?.....

3. Which sentence says that the park is famous for wild animals.....

4. What does IBA stand for?.....

5. How many varieties of birds are found in Yala?.....

(4 marks)

6. Write a word from the passage which is very much similar in meaning to the following phrases.

a. A place of safety

b. Diversity

c. Operating or growing in water

d. The area around a place

12. Fill in the blanks in the following text using the words given in the box.

beach	magic	trainer	wonderful
discover	pool	video	
learn	school	water	

Diving in the Red Sea

A diving holiday in the Red Sea is perfect for beginners and for expert divers too. There is a (1) wonderful world under the clear (2), and fantastic fish

and natural beauty to (3) Stay in a beautiful hotel on the (4) and take a boat ride each day to see for yourself the under water (5) of the Red Sea. Diving is easy to (6) Beginners watch a (7) and have a day at (8) first. Then they go to a (9) with a special (10) before diving in the sea. Experts have two dives a day in different places, they can also dive at night for a special and different experience.

13. Read the passage and fill in the blanks using the words given in the brackets.

(1/2 x 10 = 05 marks)

(a, amused, boy, him, his, in, observant, son, study, the)

Galileo was one of the world's greatest scientists. He was born at Pisa in Italy (1) in February 1564. As a boy, he spent (2) leisure making little pieces of machinery which (3) his friends. His father realized that the (4) was unusually clever. Although he was not (5) rich man, he wanted to educate his (6) In 1581, Galileo became a student at (7) University of Pisa. Although his father wanted (8) to study medicine, his interest was to (9) mathematics. As he was an (10), critical thinker, he had many enemies. But he became world famous as he made many important discoveries which were of immense importance to mankind.

14. Read the following description of Ravi and complete his membership application form for the Nature Club of the school . The first one is done for you.

(5 marks)

Dineth Ravi Samarasinghe, a 17 year old boy, is among the best students of AshokaVidyalaya, Pinnalanda. Dineth is a student in Grade 11B. When he is free, he writes poems. He also likes bird watching. He wants to be a scientist one day.

**NATURE CLUB OF
ASHOKA VIDYALAYA, PINNALANDA
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

1. Name with initials: D.R.Samarasinghe

2. Names denoted by initials :

3. Age :

4. Class :

5. Leisure time activities: (a).....

(b).....

6. Ambition :

15 . Complete the following dialogue using the phrases given in the box. Write the correct letter in the space provided. The first one is done for you. (05 marks)

- a. I'd like a long one.
 - b. Well, I rather like this dark blue skirt.
 - c. Yes, I'm looking for a skirt.
 - d. Where is the fit - on room?
 - e. Thanks.
 - f. These plain ones look nice.

Shop keeper : Good morning, Can I help you?

Wasana : Good morning (1) c

Shop keeper : Do you want a short skirt or a long one?

Wasana : (2).....

Shop keeper : We have plain coloured skirts and printed skirts,

Wasana : (3).....

Kamari : Wasana how about this black skirt?

Wasana : (4).....

Kamari : But I think that black one suits you Wasana. Try it on and see.

Wasana : (5).....

Shop keeper : Over here madam.

Wasana : (6).....

16 . Read the following passage and provide the information asked for. The first one is done for you. .

Vijaya vidyalaya is a school situated in Habarana. Mr. A. Dahanayake is the principal of the school. It was founded in 1997. There are 1000 girls and 862 boys studying in it. The staff consists of 45 female teachers and 16 male teachers. There are classes from grade 1 to 13.

In 2012, the senior drama troupe of the school won the first place at the all Island English language and Drama competition.

1.Name of the school : Vijaya vidyalaya

2.Name of the principal:

3.Year of establishment:

4.Student population :.....

5. Number of teachers :

6.Special awards won:.....

17. Read the following letter and answer the questions given below. (5 marks)

No.25, 3rd Lane,

Kandy,

2nd August 2014

Dear Kusum,

We are having a wonderful time here in Kandy. I am writing this while we are in my grandparents' home. We have been here for three days now. We are planning to stay here for the rest of the week as well because we are enjoying ourselves so much. We have visited many interesting places in Kandy and around.

Last morning we had a walk around the Kandy Lake. We haven't done much shopping yet but we will get some souvenirs before we leave. Besides the sightseeing, we have been doing some exercises. The country side around Kandy is lovely and we have had some lovely, long walks, fortunately, the weather has been good so far. People say it can be bad and often rains in Kandy for days. However, it has been great so far.

See you soon!

Lots of love

Meena

1. Who has written this letter?

.....

2. For how many days have they been in Kandy?

.....

3. When did they walk around the lake?

.....

4. Write two things they had done.....

5. What does the word “it” refer to in line 5 in paragraph 2

.....

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

The Rainbow Fairies

Two little clouds one summer's day

Went flying through the sky,

They went so fast they bumped their heads,

And both began to cry.

Old Father Sun looked out and said,

“Oh, never mind, my dears,

I'll send my little fairy folk

To dry your falling tears.”

One fairy came in violet,

And one in indigo,

In blue, green, yellow, orange, red,

They made a pretty row.

They wiped the cloud tears away,

And then, from out the sky,

Upon a line the sunbeams made.

They hung their gowns to dry.

L.M. Hardey

(1) What is the season mentioned in the poem?

.....

(2) What happened to the clouds when they went ‘so fast’?

.....

(3) Who sent the little fairy to dry the tears of the clouds?

.....

(4) What is referred to as “they” in the 1st stanza?

.....

(5) Find words from the poem, which have the same meaning to following.

(a) hit

(b) rubbed off

19. Read the following article and answer the questions given below. (5 mark)

Washington

Washington is a planned city, with straight streets, broad diagonal avenues, and parks at the places where the avenues meet. The most important public buildings are arranged around a broad stretch of lawn known as the Mall. A monument honouring George Washington stands slightly off centre, on the Mall. The Capitol and the White House face the monument from different directions. With the monument they form what is called the Federal Triangle.

Places of interest

The Capitol where U.S. laws are made, and the White House where the U.S. president lives, are famous around the world.

1. This article is about Washington
2. The city has streets and diagonal avenues.
3. The broad stretch of lawn is known as the
4. The monument is in honour of
5. The president of U.S. lives in

20. The students of Dandeniya College would like to take part in the drama competition that will be held on 28th of October 2016 at Vidyaraja College, Galle. The name of the drama is “Macbeth” and there are twelve characters in the drama. The master in charge of the drama is Mr. A.B.C. de Silva. Complete the following details by using the above description. (5 mark)

Name of the school –

Name of the drama –

Number of characters –

Date of the competition –

Name of the master in charge –