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FIRST TERM TEST – 2016

ENGLISH

GRADE 11

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Answer all questions on this paper itself

## PAPER 1

1. Match the sign with the relevant description.

(5 marks)



A



B



C



D



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1. Safety first. This is not the cell phone Zone
2. You should handle the items with care as they are fragile
3. Look out !! The railway line is ahead
4. You should put litter in the bin
5. High Security Zone! No horn blowing except for danger
6. Security ! This area is under 24 hour video surveillance

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- 2 Fill in the blanks with a suitable preposition from the list given below. Each preposition only once. There is one preposition extra. (05 marks)

"Let's go camping this weekend," said Joan to her mother. "There is a state park 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Green Lake. It's above Shore Road. We can rent a boat there." "Fine," said Mrs. Oak. "I think that camping 2. \_\_\_\_\_ October is fun. What shall we take to eat? Let's see, we'll need coffee, apples, some cheese, a dozen-eggs, and a loaf 3. \_\_\_\_\_ bread. Shall we take any meat?" "No, we'll go fishing," Joan told her mother. "We can roast fish 4. \_\_\_\_\_ a fire. Wear old clothes, and bring a heavy coat. It's too cold there and sometimes it rains.. "On Saturday, Joan and her mother woke 5. \_\_\_\_\_ early, ate breakfast, and loaded the back end of their truck.

of, off, in, over, up, at

3. Write the collective noun on the line that best fits in the sentence. The first one has been done for you. (5 marks)

- 1) The volleyball ..... *team* ..... is trying hard to win the final game.
- 2) They saw a ..... of ducks on the tank hunt
- 3) I bought three ..... of flowers from Shami florist
- 4) Her ..... plans to go to Disneyland during the winter holiday.
- 5) A ..... of ships are ready to display a sail with siren to mark the Independence Day.
- 6) Gathering nectar to carry back to the hive, ..... of bees buzzed

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| family | bunch | fleet | swarms | herds | team | bouquets |
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4. Read the following dialogue and select the suitable responses.

(5 marks)

At a shop

Assistant : Can I help you?

Lisa : .....

Assistant : It's Rs. 750.

Lisa : .....

Assistant : Yes, what size are you?

Lisa : .....

Assistant : Ok, try a size 10. The changing room is over there.

(Lisa puts on the skirt. It's too small.)

Lisa : .....

Assistant : Yes, here you are.

Lisa : Thank you

(Lisa puts on the new skirt. It fits)

Assistant : How was it?

Lisa : .....

Good. I'll take it    Yes, how much is that skirt?    Can I try it on?

Do you have it in a bigger size?    I don't know

5. Select the most suitable verb for the blanks from the set of words given in the box.

(5 marks)

Climatic change is a far greater threat to the world than international terrorism. Temperatures are getting hotter, and they ..... (Be) getting hotter faster than at any time in the past. Climate change ..... (Be) poised to change our patterns of life, but successive governments in the US and elsewhere won't listen. Whatever the reason for our apathy, the climate crisis ..... (Be) the keystone issue of our time. Addressing it means addressing virtually every other significant environment and energy problem and it must be done soon, because what ..... (Be) newest and most challenging about global warming is that once its effects ..... (Be) clearly apparent, too late to stop them.

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6. The following advertisement was published in a weekend newspaper. Read it and answer the questions given below. (5 marks)

**LANGTECH DEPARTMENT**  
**ELECTRONIC SPEAKING  
&  
NON SPEAKING DICTIONARIES**  
**FOR**  
**English, Chinese, Korea, Japanese, Tamil & French**  
Spelling, Meaning Synonym Grammar guide,  
Pronunciation, Games, European translators and Many more For Students,  
Teachers & professionals.  
Beware of fakes. Buy original *langtech* only from the Sole Agent.

**LANGTECH DEPARTMENT**  
The Center of Educational Aids  
157/1A, Greenland Avenue, Colombo 08,  
Tel: 011-2349871

1) What is this advertisement about?

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2) Who published this advertisement?

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3) What does *sole agent* mean?

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4) Find the line from the notice that says '*Be mindful of forged dictionaries*'

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5) How is the product comprehensively described?

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7. Read the passage below and underline the correct answer for the errors in the passage. (5 marks)

Dana and Mahmoud are married. Dana likes 1. sing and dance. (the sing and dance / to sing and dance / singing and dance) Mahmoud likes to read and write. Dana enjoys talking 2. in the telephone. (on the telephone / with the telephone / at the telephone / for the telephone.) Mahmoud likes to play 3. chess Dana (chess, so Dana / chess, but Dana / Chess, Dana /Chess. Dana) is studying drama 4. in the university. (about the university / of the university /at the university/ on the university) Mahmoud is studying mathematics.

Dana cooks big meals. Mahmoud eats big meals. Dana and Mahmoud like 5. difference things. ( the different things / difference things / different things / things that differ) 6. They love each the other. (Each loves the another / They each loves other / They loves each other / They love each other)

8. Use the given facts and write a small paragraph about green leaves. (05 marks)

- Nutritious, rich in vitamins, mineral and fiber
- Helps to fight diseases
- Good for eyes, teeth and hair
- Easily found- Gotukola, Mukunuwenna, Amaranth leaves(Thampala)
- Can be grown at home- saves money

Green Leaves Are Good for Us

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### PAPER 2

9. Underline the correct word from those given in brackets.

(5 marks)

1. They found the number they wanted in the telephone. (catalogue, register, directory)
2. "Please stop joking. This is a (series, serial, serious) matter."
3. In a few years the student rose to the (level, standard, quality) of a perfect
4. Please accept my (heart-felt, heart-broken, heartiest) sympathies.
5. It was a (horror, horrible, horrid) movie based on a detective story

10. Change the following in indirect speech. (5 marks)

1. "I can finish my assignment tomorrow" he said.

2. Hiran said, "I gave my article to your sister yesterday"

3. "I was driving my car when mother phoned me" said Hirushan.

4. Mother said, "I didn't cook meal last night"

5. "We will design a meaningful poster for our annual fair" said children



11. Fill in the blanks with the words given below.

(10 marks)

( like , being, capable , than , become, our, due, the, lost, say )

Ambition is a vital ingredient for success. Without ambition to push us, we will not be 1..... of great achievements. We all need that special something within ourselves to give us the willpower to reach a higher goal 2.....we imagine ourselves capable of. Yet, ambition, 3.....money and fire, is a good servant, but a bad master. Einstein, Louis Braille and countless other renowned persons succeeded because they had the ambition and determination to strive for what they wanted. On 4.....other hand, there were also people like Adolf Hitler and Nero, who, because of over-ambitious, failed to 5..... successful people. Instead, by 6..... slaves to their ambition, they were blinded to reality and humanity. They 7.....the people's respect and were soon despised. Needless to 8....., they failed in their endeavors and caused much suffering to the people they had been placed in charge of. Perhaps you may think that people like Hitler and Einstein are far removed from 9.....ordinary lives. Nevertheless, ambition and over-ambition are timeless emotions. Since the era of the cave man, ambition has led to the success and downfall of many individuals. We have achieved much today, 10.....to our forefathers' ambitions and dreams. If we are to progress, we will have to learn to control our ambition to help us achieve our targets.

12. A friend has invited you to lunch next Sunday but you are unable to go because you have some relations visiting. Write a brief **note of apology** explaining the situation. Do not use more than 40 words.

(05 marks)

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13. You see the following advertisement in a local newspaper.

### SUMMER LANGUAGE WORKSHOPS

For *Sinhala, English & Tamil*

hosted by

THE ASIAN LIONS CLUB

The Asian Lions club organizes Summer Language Workshop for the 5<sup>th</sup> time this year. This residential workshop is for the students of grade 9, 10 & 11 in Southern and Western Province.

The students, who wish to participate, should apply personally or through schools. Free transport and accommodation will be provided.

The teachers who have sound knowledge of *Sinhala, English & Tamil* can be volunteers. Travel and living expenses will be paid.

Email to us for more information and an application form.

email - [asianclub@gmail.com](mailto:asianclub@gmail.com)

Address - The President,

The Asian Lions Club,

134/AB, Lower Street, Colombo 7.


As you are the teacher in-charge of Language Club in your school, you are interested in participating in this work shop with students. Write an email to the President of The Asian Lions Club to find out the relevant details such as the duration of the workshop, type of accommodation, venue, the benefits gained by students and teachers etc. and ask for an application form. Please write the *Summer Workshop-2016* as the subject of the email.

Do not use more than 100 words.

(10 marks)



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14. Read the comprehension and answer the questions given below

1. Arthur C. Clarke's legacy bridges the worlds of the arts and the sciences. His work ranged from scientific discovery to science fiction, from technical application to entertainment. As an engineer, as a futurist, and as a humanist, Clarke has influenced numerous artists, scientists, and engineers working today, and through his broad body of work, and through the organizations keeping his legacy alive like the Clarke Foundation and this Institute, he continues to inspire future generations around the world.
2. Arthur Charles Clarke was born to an English farming family in the seaside town of Mine head, in the county of Somerset in southwestern England, on December 16, 1917. As a child, he enjoyed stargazing and reading American science fiction magazines, which sparked his lifelong enthusiasm for space sciences. After moving to London in 1936, Clarke was able to pursue his interest further by joining the British Interplanetary Society (BIS.) He worked with astronautic material in the Society, contributed to the BIS Bulletin, and began writing science fiction.
3. As important as Arthur Clarke's achievements in engineering were to the modern world, he is at least as well-known as a futurist, trying to predict what the world of tomorrow might look like, and as a popularizer of science, helping make science accessible to everyone. He is perhaps best known as a world-renowned science fiction writer, starting with the first story he sold professionally, "Rescue Party", which was written in March 1945 and appeared in the magazine Astounding Science in May 1946. His body of work contains more than 70 books of fiction and non-fiction, and he received numerous awards for his writing.
4. Clarke saw his vision of global telecommunications via satellites start to become reality in 1964 with the launch of the first geostationary communication satellite Syncom 3, which was used to broadcast the 1964 Summer Olympics in Tokyo to the United States. Today's world relies so heavily on global satellite telecommunications networks that it would be difficult to imagine what the world would look like without them.
5. Clarke moved to Sri Lanka (then called Ceylon) in 1956, largely to pursue his interest in underwater exploration along the country's coast as well as on Australia's Great Barrier Reef. He lived first in the coastal village of Unawatuna and then in Colombo, Sri Lanka's largest city. In 1962, Clarke was diagnosed with polio, which reduced his diving activities. In 1988, he was diagnosed with post-polio syndrome, and he was largely confined to a wheelchair until he passed away at the age of 90 on March 19, 2008.
6. Arthur Clarke's remarkable lifetime work was recognized by both the country of his birth and his adopted home country. In 1988, Queen Elizabeth II honored Clarke with a Knighthood, formally conferred by Prince Charles in Sri Lanka two years later. In 2005, Clarke was awarded Sri Lankabhimanya (The Pride of Sri Lanka), Sri Lanka's highest civilian honor.
7. It is Clarke's optimism for the future that made him an ideal spokesperson for the importance of people across the globe working together to solve the problems of today and create a better world for all of humanity. The organizations carrying Clarke's name, from the Arthur C. Clarke Foundation to the Arthur C. Clarke Institute for Space Science Education, are proud to continue Clarke's legacy of inspiring the present and future generations of Earth, our home planet.

1. Select the sub titles for the given paragraphs.

(13 marks)

| Sub Title                         | Paragraph No. |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Ceylon – his 2 <sup>nd</sup> Home |               |
| Communication Vs Satellite        |               |
| Appreciations                     |               |
| The Door to the young Bloods      |               |
| Being a Futurist                  |               |
| Being an engineer                 |               |

2. What is Arther C.Clerk's range of work?

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3. Where was he born?

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4. Why is he known as a futurist?

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5. What is Syncom 3?

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6. What was *Syncom 3* used for?

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7. What was Clarke's intention being in Unawatuna, Sri Lanka ?

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8. What is the meaning of **Sri Lankabhimanya** (The Pride of Sri Lanka) that he was awarded from his adopted home, Sri Lanka?

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