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ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS ON THIS PAPER ITSELF

## Test 1

Match the following instructions with the pictures given. Write the letter of the most suitable picture in the box given against each instruction. The first one is done for you. ( $1 \times 5=5$ marks)

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i Join audio
ii Wait until the host starts the meeting

iii Find the link of the Zoom meeting

iv Mute your microphone

v Switch on your laptop $\square$
vi Join the zoom meeting

## Test 2

Fill in the blanks in the following notice using the words given in the box. Write the letter of the correct word in the space given. The first one is done for you. ( $1 \times 5=5$ marks)


## Test 3

Study the picture and fill in the blanks using the words given in the box. Write the letter of the correct word in the blank. The first one is done for you. $(1 / 2 \times 10=5$ marks $)$


| a | bridge | b | boats | c | sandcastle | d | chair | e | bird |
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| f | lap | g | buildings | h | stall | i | photograph | j | hands |
| k | people |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

This is a picture of a beach. There are a lot of (1) ...k... on the beach. A man is sitting on a (2) ...... He has a book on his (3) ...... A boy is running towards the ice-cream (4)...... A man has two ice-creams in his (5)..... Two boys are making a (6)...... There is a (7)..... near it. We can see three (8)........ far away. There are four $(9) \ldots \ldots$ in the background. There is a (10) .... in front of the buildings. A man is taking a family (11)...... Everybody seems to be enjoying the day.

## Test 4

## Fill in the blanks in the following dialogue using the words given in the box. The first one is done for you.



## Test 5

Read the text and complete the table given below. The first one is done for you. ( $1 \times 5=5$ marks)
Elephants are the largest existing land animals. There are three species of elephants; the African forest elephant, the African bush elephant and the Asian elephant. They are the only surviving members of the family elephentidae. Distinctive features of the elephant include a trunk, tusks, large ear flaps, pillar-like legs and sensitive skin. The trunk is used for breathing, bringing food and water to the mouth and grasping objects. Tusks which are derived from the incisor teeth, serve both as weapons and as tools for moving objects and digging.

| One species of elephants | (1) | the African forest elephant/ the African bush/ the Asian elephant |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Two distinctive features | (2) |  |
|  | (3) |  |
| A use of the trunk | (4) | ........................................................ |
| Tusks are derived from | (5) |  |
| A use of tusks | (6) | .. ......................................................... |

## Test 6

Read the following note and write a suitable reply. (5 marks)
15.11.2022

Dear Naveen,
Matheesha's grandfather's almsgiving will be held on Saturday. Kushal and I have decided to go. Will you join us? If you are coming, what should we take and when and where are we meeting? Let me know before Friday.

## Kevin

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## Test 7

## Read the following text and underline the correct answer. ( $1 \times 5=5$ marks)

## Good Queen Bess

Elizabeth I was queen of England for forty-five years, from 1558 to 1603 . During her reign many exciting things happened in England and overseas. Sometimes the country was in danger, as when Spain tried to invade.

Many famous Englishmen lived during the time Elizabeth was queen. There were heroes like Sir Francis Drake and Sir Walter Raleigh, who went exploring in parts of the world that had not long been discovered. They returned to England with wonderful stories of happenings far away. They brought new plants from America, potatoes, tomatoes and tobacco; and also the first turkeys. English ships traded with India, Russia and remote countries where few foreigners had ever been.

Men who stayed at home also helped to make England a great country. It was once said that during Elizabeth's reign England became ' $a$ nest of singing birds'. Men like William Shakespeare, Christopher Marlowe and Edmund Spenser wrote splendid plays and poetry that will last forever and ever.

1 How long did Queen Elizabeth I reign England?
a 58 years
b 45 years
c 48 years

2 England was in danger because
a Spain tried to invade b the heroes went overseas
c they brought new plants and animals

3 Sir Francis Drake and Sir Walter Raleigh were
a soldiers
b school masters
c heroes

4 Where did they bring potatoes, tomatoes and tobacco from?
a America
b India
c Russia

5 What is meant by 'a nest of singing birds'?
a They began importing singing birds
b Birds in England improved their singing
c That period had many poets and playwrights

## Test 8

Write a paragraph on one of the following topics. Use about 50 - 60 words. ( 5 marks)
a Duties of a prefect
b A historical place I have visited
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## Test 9

Read the text and underline the most suitable word given within brackets．The first one is done for you． （5 marks）

There are many people around the world who enjoy studying various types of birds and their habits．Some of these people even（1）$\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$. ．［（a）devoting（b）devote（c）devoted］much of their time to this subject． These people are（2）$\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ ．．．．．．．．．（a）called（b）calling（c）call］ornithologists．However，you don＇t have to be an ornithologist to（3）$\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots .$. ［（a）watches（b）watch（c）watching］birds．Just about anybody interested can be a（4）．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．［（a）bird watching（b）bird watchers（c）bird watcher］．
Watching birds and studying their habits can be very（5）．．．．．．．．．．．．．．［（a）interest（b）interesting（c）interested］ because it enables you to discover the secrets of their life．You can（6）．．．．．．．．．．．．．［（a）found（b）finding（c） find］out a great deal about birds through this hobby．For instance，you can see many different kinds of birds， which you have probably never seen before．

## Test 10

Read the dialogue given below and fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb given within brackets．（ $1 \times 5=5$ marks）

Raj Hello Nizar！How was your sister＇s wedding？
Nizar Hello Raj，it went off without a hitch．Thanks．
Raj You must have been busy．Did you have a lot of work to do？
Nizar It（1） $\qquad$ （organize）by an event manager．

Raj That＇s good．I guess the organizing and decorations（2） $\qquad$ （do）by them．

Nizar Yes，of course．We had to see to our attire only．Everything else（3） $\qquad$ （do）by the event manager．
Raj By the way，what was the theme colour？
Nizar It was purple．The colour（4） （decide）by my sister even before she found the groom．
Raj That＇s funny．Do you have any photos taken at the wedding？

Nizar I was too busy to take photographs．The album（5） （make）by the photographer these days．I＇ll show you the album when it is ready．

## Test 11 <br> Fill in the blanks with the words given in the box. There is one extra word. <br> ( $1 / 2 \times 14=7$ marks)

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| movements buildings | in as |  | months |  | break |  | are |

Once every 30 seconds somewhere in the world Earth shakes slightly. These earth tremors are
(1) $\ldots \ldots \ldots$.....enough to be felt, but (2) ..............no damage. However, every few (3) ...................a major earthquake occurs. The (4) .....................shakes so violently that roads (5) ..................up, forming huge cracks, and (6) ..................and bridges collapse, causing many (7) ...............Earthquakes are caused by the (8) $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ of huge plates of rock (9) $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ the Earth's crust. They occur (10).................places that lie on the (11) ................where these plates meet, such (12) $\ldots \ldots . . . . . . . . . .$. .the San Andreas fault which (13) .................... 435 km through Central California. There (14) $\qquad$ two different scales for measuring earthquakes. They are Richter scale and the Modifies Mercalli scale.

## Test 12

Complete the following passage using the most appropriate form of the verb given within brackets. (5 marks)

Filmmaking is the process by which a motion picture is produced. Movie industry (1) originated (origin) in the early $19^{\text {th }}$ century. The first ever motion movie, 'Roundhay Garden Scene' (2)
(shoot) in 1888. Hollywood (3) .......................................... (be) the world's oldest national film
 (5) $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$.............................. Screenwriting (6) ........................................ (do) first. Casting is also an important part in this industry.

## Test 13

Read the following paragraphs. Select the most suitable caption for each paragraph and write the letter of the caption in the box given against the paragraph. There is one extra caption. (5 marks)

| A | Saved on time | B | A piece of good news |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{C}$ | Eating junk food | D | They are part of nature |
| E | Saving energy | F | Home gardening |

1 Most of the people in Sri Lanka now grow plants in their home gardens. This helps them to save money. Moreover, they get an opportunity to eat fresh vegetables without harmful chemicals.
2 Animals have as much right to live as humans. They beautify nature. Some animals help in agriculture. They were commonly used for the purpose of travelling in the past.


When Minula was swimming in the river with two of his friends, all of a sudden he disappeared and then came up once and was trying to shout out for help. A man on the river bank at once jumped into the river and got hold of him when he came up for the second time.
4 Nowadays parents as a habit put a bun, a roll, a patty etc. into their children's snack boxes for breakfast. It is very easy for them but they do not realize that they are ruining their children's health. Such food is not good for health and has no nutritional value.
5 We must reduce the use of electrical appliances in order to reduce the electricity bills. Always make sure to switch off unwanted bulbs and fans.


## Test 14

a. Your school started a Welfare Programme to help the needy children in another school. Write a letter to your friend who left for another school recently, giving information about the programme. Include the following.

- Who organized the programme
- How donations were collected
- How the donations were distributed
- How you felt at the end of the programme


## Use about 100 words ( $\mathbf{1 0}$ marks)

## OR

b. The following table shows how Senith spent his money on different needs. Write a description based on the information given in the table. Use about 100 words.

| Expenditure on | Amount in Rupees | Percentage |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Accommodation | $6000 /-$ | $48 \%$ |
| Clothes | $1500 /-$ | $12 \%$ |
| Food | $2500 /-$ | $20 \%$ |
| Stationery | $1000 /-$ | $8 \%$ |
| Phone bill | $500 /-$ | $4 \%$ |
| Transport | $1000 /-$ | $8 \%$ |

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## Test 15

Read the following text and answer the questions given below.
1 By trade we mean the exchange of goods for money or for other goods, and this exchange can take place within a country and also between different countries. The latter is essential because every country requires a great number of commodities and no country can produce everything it needs. Time is limited, resources are limited and climatic conditions in different parts of the world vary. Therefore from very early times countries have found it necessary to trade with one another. They have been obliged to trade in order to satisfy their needs for goods.
2 Not all countries have the same resources. One country may be rich in something which another lacks and therefore an exchange of goods between countries is necessary. Some resources can be worked only where they are found. For instance, coal is mined chiefly in the USA, Great Britain, Germany and Russia because it is found in plenty in these places. Most nickel comes from Canada, most gold from South Africa and most silver from Mexico because these countries are rich in these resources. Sometimes a country may need minerals but it may not have them and in that case it is obliged to trade with a country that has.
3 The climate in different parts of the world varies greatly and one region can grow crops which another cannot. Some crops will grow only under particular climatic conditions or in particular soil. That is why so much of the world's coffee comes from Brazil and why almost the entire world supply of jute comes from the Ganges delta in East Pakistan. Very often a country may require a commodity which it cannot grow and then it has to trade with a country that can.
4 Sometimes the people of a region may develop special skills in the production of a commodity and this commodity may in time get a name for its quality. For instance, Ceylon tea and Mocha coffee have got a special flavour and quality of their own and this is partly owing to the places where they are grown and partly owing to the local method of manufacture. If a country wants these products, it will have to trade in order to obtain them from the regions that produce them.
5 Therefore no country can exist without international trade and countries are obliged to trade with one another to satisfy their needs for goods and to get a wider range of commodities.

1. Say whether the following statements are True or False. Put a tick $(\checkmark)$ in the relevant column. ( $1 / 2 \times 4=2$ marks)

|  |  | True | False |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | Every country requires a great number of commodities |  |  |
| 2 | It is not necessary to trade with one another |  |  |
| 3 | Different countries have different resources |  |  |
| 4 | Coal is mined chiefly in Canada |  |  |

2. Complete the following statement. ( $\mathbf{1} \mathbf{2}=\mathbf{2}$ marks)
a Nickel and gold come from ...................... and ..................... respectively.
3. Read paragraph 2 and find a word which has the same meaning as the following. (2 marks)
a. Having a great deal of money or assets
b. An act of giving one thing and receiving another in return
4. Underline the best title for the passage ( $\mathbf{1}$ mark)
a The resources in the world
b The importance of trading
c The climatic differences in the world
5. Write the statement that says "Not all crops grow under the same climatic conditions"

## Test 16

Write on one of the following topics. Use about 200 words.
a. Write an article to a newspaper on "Simple living brings stress-free life".

Use the guidelines below

- What simple living is
- How one can lead a simple life
- Why one should not accumulate money/materials
- How simple living can be stress-free
b. A speech you would make at the morning assembly on "Duties of a responsible citizen" Include,
- Who a responsible citizen is
- Duties of a responsible citizen
- The advantages of being a responsible citizen and how it affects you and the society
c. Write an essay on "Eating home-made food is healthy"
- What home-made food is
- The importance of home-made food
- Disadvantages of eating fast food
d. After the COVID 19 pandemic Meena and Shenushi meet each other after a long time.

Meena Hello Senushi, how nice to see you after such a long time!
Senushi Yes, we couldn't meet each other for months, because of the lockdown.
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