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Time: 01 Hour

Answer all questions on this paper itself.

Test 01

Fill in the blanks in the following exchanges. Use words from the box. Write the correct letter in the blank. *One has been done for you.* (Marks: 05)

(a) soap (b) computer (c) envelop (d) hands (e) radio (f) train

1. A. Look out! Never jump off a moving .....

B. Sorry, My fault.



2. A. Food is ready!

B. Have you got any (a) ..... ? I want to wash my .....



3. A. Excuse me, I want to listen to the match. Can you switch on the .....?

B. Sure.



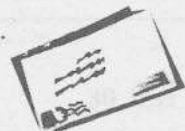
4. A. The ..... course I am following is really good.

B. Is it so, I will also join in.



5. A. I've got to post this letter. Do you have an ..... with you.

B. You're lucky. I have one.



Test 02

Read the description of the following science fiction and complete the paragraph given.

*The first one is done for you.*

(Marks : 05)

Trouble With Time

By

Arthur C. Clarke

A thief tries to steal the famous Statue of the Siren Goddess from The Museum of Meridian City, in the planet Mars. Detective Inspector Rawlings tells the story in the departure lounge of the space station or Mars, on his way back to Earth.

Mr. Maccar, an art dealer and another passenger on the journey to Earth, listen to his story.

The book titled (1) ..... Trouble With Time ..... was written by (2) ..... in 1987. It tells about the Statue of (3) ..... which was on display at the of Meridian City in (4) ..... Mars. The story of the theft is revealed by (5) ..... on his return to (6) .....

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## Test 05

Complete the dialogue given below. Use the phrases in the box. Write the letter of the phrase. *The first one is done for you.* (Marks: 05)

- Vindya : What are you doing (1) .....(b)...?
- Thilini : (2) .....
- Vindya : Tired of studying. Shall we go out?
- Thilini : That would be wonderful.
- Vindya : (3) .....
- Thilini : No. (4) ..... going to the cinema.
- Vindya : Well then, (5).....
- Thilini : Okay. Fine by me. Where shall we meet?
- Vindya : (6)..... We have to buy something to eat too.
- Thilini : Great! See you at 10.
- Vindya : See you. I'll be on time.

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| (a) at the cafe, in front of the gate | (b) on Saturday               | (c) I don't really like    |
| (d) nothing special                   | (e) let's go to see the match | (f) shall we go for a film |

## Test 06

Read the following notice.

**Lost**

Has anyone seen my Text Book 'The Village by the Sea'? I lost it at the Public Library Gampaha. My name is written on it. If you find it, please return to me.

Deshan Bandara  
Kurulugama MV  
Kurulugama

You have found the book and it is now with you. Write a note to Deshan.

- You may include:
- where you found the book
  - what you did (looked for the owner)
  - ask Deshan a date, time and a place to return the book

Use about 40 words

(Marks: 05)

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## Test 07

Read the text and answer the question given below.

(Marks: 05)

Miss Sanduni Gunathilaka was a teacher in a leading boys school in Kurulugama. She was in charge of Grade Six students. She always enjoyed teaching them, because they were very quick and because they thought about everything very carefully. One day she had to teach about clothes people wear in other countries. She said to her students "People in a lot of countries in Asia wear white clothes at funerals, but people in America and in Europe often wear dark colours, but they wear white clothes when they're happy. What colour does a woman wear in America when she marries, Kanchana?"

Kanchana said, "White, Miss, because they are happy."

"That's good, Kanchana," Miss Sanduni said, "You're quite right. She wears white because she's happy."

But then one of the boys from the back row in the class put his hand up.

"Yes, Thilina!" Miss Sanduni said, "Do you want to ask something?"

"Yes, please, Miss," Thilina said, "Why do men in America wear black when they marry, Miss?"

- Why did Miss Sanduni like teaching the students in Grade Six?  
(a) ..... (b) .....
- Underline the correct answer.  
Miss Sanduni's lesson was about .....  
(a) clothes in Asia (b) clothes in America (c) clothes in other countries
- What is the colour women in America wear when they marry?  
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- Where was Thilina seated in the class?  
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- What colour do men in America wear when they marry?  
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## Test 08

Write a paragraph about what you will do if you get a million rupees.

Use about 60 words.

(Marks: 05)

If I get a million rupees I will .....

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Test 09

Underline the most suitable word from the brackets.

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(Marks: 05)

World water day was declared on March 22. There were many special programmes held in schools to focus (1)..... (attendance, attentive, attention) on the need to protect and (2) ..... (conservation, conserve, consume) one of the most precious natural resources mother nature has given us. We are all aware by now that all living creatures and even plants totally depend on water for (3) ..... (existence, exist, existent), yet humans do not value it and pollute our waterways. Do you know that there are many people throughout the world who do not have (4) ..... (access, accession, accessory) to safe drinking water. You must not waste this precious gift of nature. It's already (5) ..... (scarcity, scarcely, scarce) in many parts of the world and soon we'll face a major crisis if we don't use it (6) ..... (carefully, carelessly, carefree) Can you imagine what it would be like to live without water?

Test 10

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 has been done for you. (Marks: 05)

I dream a lot. Doctors says that dreaming is good for you 1. (say) .....  
but the trouble is I dreaming about hard work. When I 2. ....  
wake up the next morning. I always feel tired. I asked me 3. ....  
brother for any advice. He told me to relax before going to 4. ....  
bed. He gave me a magazine with a article about animals. 5. ....  
It had many picture. That night I dreamt I was in a zoo. The 6. ....  
animals escaped and follow me home. They stayed in the 7. ....  
garden and made a lot of noise. I couldn't sleeping at 8. ....  
all. The next morning, I think I was alright. But it didn't 9. ....  
work out that way. Unfortunate, when I woke up, I was 10. ....  
most tired than usual. 11. ....

## Test 11

Fill in the blanks using the words given. *The first one is done for you* (Marks: 07)

affect	character	different	fortune	future	is	his	of
people	planets	popular	position	the	to	was	

## Fortune Telling

We all make plans for the future all the time. Some of them are big plans which affect our future lives. To find out about the future, (1).....people..... have turned on to (2) ..... tellers. They use many (3) ..... ways to read the (4) ..... Astrologists say that the (5) ..... of the stars and (6) ..... at our birth can (7) ..... our own future and (8) ..... One of the most (9) ..... forms of fortune telling (10) ..... palmistry, the study of (11) ..... lines on the palm (12) ..... your hand.

When Reagan (13) ..... the President of America, (14) ..... wife organized his schedule (15) ..... fit in with the predictions of his astrologer. Important journeys and meetings had to wait for a 'good day'.

## Test 12

Hasitha is getting ready for his examination at the end of the year. He read a book named 'Passing Exams'. Here is a page from the book. Read and answer the questions given. (Marks: 05)

How to improve your writing

**Think!** \* Think about a plan. If it is a story, what is going to happen? If it is a description, what is most important and how you are going to organize it.

- Think about your readers. Who are you writing for? What will interest them? What do they need to know?

**Get ideas!** \* Close your eyes and relax. Try to see the description or the story happening in your head.

- Write down some notes or just a list of words about what you are going to write about.
- Talk about your ideas with a partner, and write down any more ideas that come to you while you are talking.

**Organize**

**your ideas!** \* Look at your notes. Select the ideas you want to use. Decide what you are going to put first, what second etc.

**Draft!** \* Write the first draft. All writers change what they write because they get better ideas while writing takes place.

- Do not worry about mistakes at this stage. You can look for mistakes later.

**Read**

**Through!** \* Think about your audience. Is it interesting? Does it make sense?

- Are there any mistakes? Think about the grammar. Think about spelling, Think about punctuation?
- To find out the correct word, check in a dictionary.

**Re-write!** \* Now that you have thought about changes and mistakes: write it out again. Make it as good as you can.

1. Who do you have to think of when you are planning?  
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2. What method is suggested in the text, to see the description or the story in your head?  
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3. Why do writers change what they have written during the draft?  
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4. Write two types of mistakes you may make during the read through stage?  
(i) ..... (ii) .....
5. Where would you look into, to find the suitable word before re-write?  
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### Test 13

Complete the story given below with words given in the box.

*The first one has been done for you.*

(Marks: 05)

sort out, make up, looking for, bring back, try on, ~~came across~~

Last week, I went to a clothes shop to buy a shirt for my brother Saman for his birthday. I (1) came across two shirts that was displayed in a shelf. I said to the assistant, "I am (2) ..... a shirt for my brother. I like the green one and the red one over there, but I can't (3) ..... my mind which me to buy." "Never mind" said the assistant "Take them both and ask your brother to (4) ..... both shirts. Then you can (5) ..... the one he doesn't want and I'll give back your money."

My brother chose the green shirt, so I took back the red one to the shop. There was a different shop assistant and she said, "I'm sorry. The assistant you spoke to made a mistake. We can't give your money back. The manager is not here today or else he'll be able to (6) ..... your problem."

That was how I became the owner of a red shirt.

### Test 14

You have a pen friend in England. He is visiting Sri Lanka to collect information for his project "Ancient Ruins in Sri Lanka."

Write a letter to your uncle who is in Polonnaruwa requesting him to help your friend.

- Include
- about your friend
  - the reason for his visit
  - need of a place to stay with food
  - to see interesting places
  - to interview people

OR

Write a letter of complaint to the authorities of the Western Provincial Council on the problems caused by posters in your area.

- where you find them
- the problems caused
- what steps should be taken to stop it.

Use about 125 words

(Marks: 10)

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## Test 15

Read the following text and answer the questions given below.

(Marks: 08)

All his life Hasitha had lived in a big city, but he had always loved the country, and was particularly interested in Agriculture, so when he finished school he decided to go to an agricultural college and study on farming. He studied all kinds of things at college during his first year and when the first vacation came he thought he was already an expert farmer.

He had an aunt called Dilini who had a farm in the country, so after a week at home in the big city, he phoned and asked whether he could come and spend a week with her. He said that, considering he had been at the agricultural college for a year already, he might be able to give her some really up-to-date ideas about farming methods which could be useful to her.

His aunt tried not to laugh as she answered. She asked Hasitha to come whenever he liked, and she would be happy to see him and to explore all the latest agricultural ideas with him. She had been farming for twenty years, and attended most of the camps organized by the Department of Agriculture. So she suspected that she did not have much to learn from a first year student.

However, she went to the station to meet Hasitha when he turned up, and drove him back to her farm for lunch, during which they talked about the family.

After lunch, aunt Dilini said to her nephew, "I suppose you'd like to get on with looking around the farm now, so that you can give me your expert advice about what we are doing wrong." Hasitha blushed and protested that he would probably not be able to find anything wrong at all, but Dilini could see that he was saying this only out of politeness, and that he really thought himself an expert on farming.

As they went out of the house to start the tour, Dilini said, "I suppose you know that we grow a variety of vegetables on this farm. We sell **them** to the big markets in Colombo. But now we are having a lot of competition from other farms."

Hasitha nodded. They were entering a nursery full of young plants, and Dilini asked Hasitha to tell her what he thought of them and told him not to be shy.

"Mm," he said solemnly, "your methods are certainly very old-fashioned. It isn't surprising you can't compete with other farms. We've had some lessons from an Indian grower, you know, I don't suppose you get more than two kilos of tomatoes off each of these plants" He smiled in a superior way.

"I'm sure we don't," answered her aunt. "These are chillie plants."

- (1) State whether the following statements are true or false by writing T or F against them.
  - (a) Hasitha liked to live in a big city. (.....)
  - (b) After his studies he joined an agricultural college (.....)
  - (c) Hasitha wanted to stay a week with his aunt during the holidays. (.....)
  - (d) He wanted to give his aunt new ideas on farming. (.....)
- (2) How long had his aunt been farming?  
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- (3) What did Hasitha and his aunt discuss during lunch?  
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- (4) Where did Dilini sell her vegetables?  
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- (5) Why could not Aunt Dilini get tomatoes from the plants in the nursery?  
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- (6) What do the following refer to:  
nephew (in line 15) .....  
them (in line 21) .....
- (7) Find words which have the same meaning as the following from paragraph 1.  
holiday .....  
specialist .....

## Test 16

Write on **one** of the following. Use about 200 words

(Marks: 15)

1. As the President of the English Literary Association of your school, you have to talk to an audience of senior students about the **'Importance of Learning English in School.'** Write the speech you would make including the following.
  - English should be learnt not only to pass the exams.
  - It is the language of computers that further your education.
  - It will help you to spend your leisure happily.
2. Write an article to be published in the school magazine on **'Tourism – Its-good and bad'**
  - Explain what tourism is.
  - Its advantages and disadvantages
  - Your suggestions to improve tourism in the country
3. Write an essay on **'Games —How they improve your health and personality.'** Feel free to express your views. You may agree or disagree.
4. Complete the dialogue between Vindya and Thilini. They are telling each other how they spend a long week end.

Vindya: Hello Thilini, We went to Galle last weekend. Sorry I couldn't let you know.

Thilini: Its OK. We too went to Sigiriya. Did you enjoy the trip?

[illegible]