

Third Term Test - Grade 12 - 2018

Index No. General English - I Three hours only

Instructions

▶ Answers all questions

Part A – Grammar (40 marks)

01. Fill in each blank with a suitable position from the list given below. Use each preposition only once. There is one preposition extra. (5 marks)

If the human body is entirely deprived (1) _____ food and drink, then it can survive only (2) _____ a week. But if water is available (3) _____ any firm at all, then life can be sustained (4) _____ far longer. Shipwrecked sailors, by continually soaking their bodies in sea water, have kept alive for many days (5) _____ rescued.

on, in, for, until, of, about

02. Fill in each blank with the correct form of the pronoun given in brackets. (10 marks)

I was still shy and half paralyzed in the presence of a crowd and (1) _____ (I) first day at the new school made (2) _____ (I) the laughing stock of the classroom. (3) _____ (I) was sent to the blackboard to write (4) _____ (I) name and address (5) _____ (I) new my name , knew how to write it, how to spell it; but I was unable to write a single letter. 'Write (6) _____ (you) name. (7) _____ (we) teacher called to (8) _____ (I) . I lifted the white chalk to the blackboard and, as I was about to write my mind went blank. I could not remember my name 'Just forget (9) _____ (we) and write your name the teacher called.

'Don't you know your name? the teacher asked. I looked at (10) _____ (she) and could not answer.

03. Fill in each blank with the correct form of the verb given in brackets. (10 mark)

A visit to the doctor can be a very (1) _____ (frighten) one for a little child, especially when he (2) _____ (see) needles, knives and scissors lying around. I once had to make a visit to a doctor for an operation when I was with my grandparents. And I have never (3) _____ (forget) it. We were (4) _____ (visit) my grand parents' house during the summer holidays when my mother (5) _____ (say) to me, "We (6) _____ (go) to the doctor this afternoon. He wants to look at your mouth and nose." What (7) _____ (be) wrong with my nose and mouth?" I asked.

She told me not to worry about it as it was nothing. I (8) _____ (hold) her hand as we walked to the doctor's house. When we got there I (9) _____ (lift) up into a kind of dentist's chair in the treatment room.

The doctor had a round mirror strapped to his forehead and he looked in to my mouth and up my nose. Then he took my mother to one side and (10) _____ (have) a quiet talk with her.

04. Construct questions to get the words in the bold print as answers. Use the question words given in the box. There is one question word extra. (05marks)

Where, Why, Who, When, How, How many

1. The class will begin **on next Saturday.**
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2. **My sister** won the 1st place in the competition.
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3. Sarath goes to his work place **by his car.**
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4. We buy the books from **Sarasavi Book Shop Kururnegala.**
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5. Sithuli hasn't written the paper **as she is ill.**
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05. Complete the following sentences by putting the words in brackets in the correct order. (05 marks)

1. through out / we / friends / make / our lives
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2. husband and a wife / is shared / a very / between / special relationship
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3. and multitalented / was / brilliant / He / innovative.
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4. one month / course on / in India / mountaineering / I / did
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5. will make / more employable / you / knowing English.
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06. Complete the following sentences using the most appropriate conjunction from the brackets.

1. Farmers are going to busy _____ harvesting is over. (and, until, or)
 2. We can't earn the money to buy a house _____ we work hard. (unless, if, so)
 3. Wilson came to the office _____ he was ill. (and, though, since)
 4. I agree with your condition _____ they are reasonable. (but, though, since)
 5. The bus stopped suddenly _____ the passengers were thrown forward. (but, and when)
- (05 marks)**

Part B – Comprehension (20 marks)

01. Read the following recipe and write the answers. (05 marks)

Mild Chicken tikka Masala by Mathew Martin

Ingredients

- 500 boneless chicken
- 2tbsp vegetables oil
- Half an onion or 2 shallots
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1 large jar tikka masala sauce
- 100 ml plain yogurt

10 minutes preparation time

3 minutes cooking

Time serves 4 – 6

To garnish

Flat leaf parsley

A lemon (cut in to wedges)

Method

1. Fry the onion and garlic gently in the oil. Add the chicken pieces and fry until golden brown and cooked all the way through.
2. Add the sauce and simmer for 5 minutes.
3. Add the yoghurt and stir through the sauce.
4. Serve the chicken with rice.

1. Whose recipe is this?

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2. How many cloves of garlic are used?

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3. What comes in a jar?

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4. How long should you simmer the sauce ?

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5. What should you serve the chicken with?

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02. Read the following advertisement and answer the given questions.

(10 marks)

The Retro Concert Of The Year is happening TODAY!!!

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(1) What is the advertisement about?

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(2) When does it hold?

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(3) Who present it?

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(4) How much should you pay for the cheapest ticket?

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(5) When does it start?

(6) How do they name their highest price ticket?

(7) From where can you buy your rickets?

(8) Who gets the discount?

(9) Who will sponsor the event?

(10) Who are the partners of following sections?

Cinema _____

Online ticketing _____

03. Read the following poem and answer the given questions.

(10 marks)

I haven't seen my real dad
in a half a month
and three months

But when he comes to get me
I bet we'll go to the park
(It's our special spot)

And I think I'll bring my glove
So we can play catch
(He's got a great arm)

Later, we'll share a dish
of chocolate ice cream
(Both of us like chocolate)

I know my dad is busy
but I love him so much
(we have the same eyes)

He's coming soon...

(1) Write true or false in the space provided

(02 marks)

a. Dad is the speaker of the poem.

b. The speaker wants to see his dad soon.

(2) Underline the most appropriate response.

(02 marks)

(a) The speaker hasn't seen his dad for.

i. a half a month and 25 days.

ii. Four months and 12 days

iii. quarter months and 15 days.

iv. three months and 15 days.

- (b) What is the genetic character that both the speaker and the dad share?
- i. Our special spot – park.
 - ii. He's got a great arm.
 - iii. Both like chocolate.
 - iv. Have the same eyes.

- (3) Give synonyms to the following words from the poem. (01 marks)
- i. pledge –
 - ii. Actual -

Part – C Summarizing (10 marks)

Write a summary of the following text. Do not use more than fifty (50) words for the summary.

A man came home from an exhausting day at work, plopped down on the couch in front of the television, and told his wife, "Get me a beer before it starts!". The wife sighed and got him a beer. Ten minutes later, he said, "Get me another beer before it starts!"

She looked cross, but fetch another beer and slammed it down next to him. He finished that beer and a few minutes later said, "Quick get me another beer, it's going to start any minute!, The wife was furious. "It's that all you are going to do tonight! Drink beer and sit in front of that TV. You are nothing but a lazy, drunken, fat slob and furthermore...."

The man sighed and said, "It's started"

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Index No. General English - II Two and Half hours only

Instructions

▶ Answers all questions

Part A – Vocabulary (25 marks)

01. Underline the correct word ending selecting from those given in brackets (05marks)

A (1) Signi _____ (fied, ficant, fication) part of our lives as we (2) gro _____ (w, wing, ed) older is the close (3) relation _____ (s, ships, als) that we form with our life partners. They are (4) proba _____ (ble, bility, bly) the most intimate of all relationships. According to some cultures, this is (5) descri _____ (bed, bing, be) as falling in love.

02. Among those meanings given at the end of the text, under line the meaning which is most appropriate to the context in which the word in bold print appears in the text. (10 marks)

Sometimes people come into your life and you know right away that they were meant to be there, to serve some sort of **purpose**, teach you a lesson or to help you figure out who you are or who you want to become. You never know who these people may be, but when you look eyes with them, you know at that very moment, that they will affect your life in some profound way.

And sometimes things happen to you that may seem **horrible** painful and unfair at first but in reflection you find that without overcoming those **obstacles** you would have never realized your **potential**, strength, will power or heart.

Everything happens for a reason. Nothing happens by chance or by means of luck Illness, injury, love, lost **moments** of true greatness and sheer stupidity all occur to the test the limits of your soul. Without these small tests, whatever they may be, life would be like a smooth paved, straight, flat road to nowhere. It would be safe and comfortable, but dull and utterly pointless.

The people you meet who affect your life and the success and downfalls you experience help to create who you become. Even the bad experiences can be learned from. In fact they are probably the most **poignant** and important ones. If someone hurts you betrays you, break your heart forgive them for they have helped you. Learn about trust and the importance of being **cautious** when you open your heart. If someone loves you, love them back unconditionally, not only because they love them you but because in a way they are teaching you to love and how to open your heart and eyes to things.

Make every day count!!! Appreciate every moment and take from those moments everything that you **possibly** can for you may never be able to experience it again. Talk to people that you have never talked before and actually listen. Let yourself fall in love, break free, and set your sights high. Hold your head up because you have every right to. Tell yourself you are a great individual and believe in yourself, for if you didn't believe in yourself, it will be hard for others to believe in yourself, it will be hard for others to believe in you. You can make of your life anything you wish. Create your own life than go out and live it with **absolutely no regrets**.

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| 1. Purpose | - A target | B. aim | C. objective |
| 2. horrible | - A dangerous | B. causing horror | C. terrible |
| 3. Obstacles | - A hindrance | B. difficulties | C. trap |
| 4. Potential | - A courageous | B. spirit | C. matter |
| 5. Moments | - A movement | B. occasion | C. important |
| 6. poignant | - A keen | B. neat | C. heartiest |
| 7. cautious | - A cause | B. careful | C. alert |
| 8. possibly | - A accurately | B. can't be | C. may be |
| 9. absolutely | - A wholly | B. partly | C. really |
| 10. regrets | - A excuse | B. feel sorry | C. worry |

03. Select any five words from the list given below and each of them in a meaningful sentence. You may use the verbs in any tense. You may use the plural form of the nouns. But do not change the form of other words. (05 marks)

relationships, agreement, already, open, memory, imaginary, language,
advise, know, especially

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04. Underline the most appropriate word from those given in brackets. (05 marks)

1. Many (experts, experiments, expects) believe that English is a global language.
2. Next month, I will be (learned, learning, learn) to ride a motorcycle.
3. It is a crime to (treat, ill-treat, maltreat) your aging parents.
4. I can't put up with your (rude, rudeness, rudious) any more.
5. The speech was so (boredom, boldly, boring)

Part B – Dialogues (25 marks)

01. The following is a dialogue between two friends.

You have met one of your friends Amali and she has explained you the importance of learning English which you don't think as important complete the dialogue. **(05 marks)**

Amali : _____

You : I'm fine, what are you reading Amali?

Amali : _____

You : Actually, I don't know the importance of learning English. Would you please explain?

Amali : _____

You : But, learning English seems very difficult to me.

Amali : _____

You : All right as you say I will start to learn English from the basic grammar lessons and will start to read simple English story books.
Thank you Amali.

Amali : _____

02. Ravindu and Sandun are talking about of the crucial social problem in Sri Lanka. it is Vandalism. Complete the dialogue. **(10 marks)**

Ravindu : Have you seen Sandun that some students have deliberately damaged the seats of our school bus of our school.

Sandun : _____

Ravindu : Yes, destroying public property is called vandalism and it is a punishable offence.

Sandun : _____

Ravindu : There are many reasons but personal attitudes and basic social problems are at the root of the vandalism.

Sandun : _____

Ravindu : No, Vandals don't have a clear motive for their act.

Sandun : _____

Ravindu : I think self-discipline plays a bigger than laws in preventing vandalism.

Sandun : _____

Ravindu : Yes, we should.

03. Given below is a dialogue between the doctors assistant and a patient at a channeling centre. Complete the dialogue. (10 marks)

Doctor's Assistant : Good morning. How may I help you.

Patient : _____

Doctor's Assistant : Fine, but doctor Samarathunga is not here at the moment. Can you please go there and have a seat ?

Patient : _____

Doctor's Assistant : Yes, you can fill the application before the doctor comes. Can you tell me your name please.

Patient : _____

Doctor's Assistant : Ok, Mr. Sarath Kumara Have you been to see doctor Samarathunga before ?

patient : _____

Doctor's Assistant : Fine, that means this is your second visit. Please go and sit there. I call you when the doctor comes.

patient : _____

(04) Build up the conversation between you and your best friend on the importance of the friendship. Each one should speak at least 5 times.

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Part C – Comprehension (30 marks)

01. Read the following text and do the activities that follow. (10 marks)

'You do buy old books, don't you?', asked Fred, putting his parcel on the shop counter.

" I'll have to see what you have got before I can answer that question" the bookseller said, 'Business isn't so good as it used to be. People seem to prefer to buy new books nowadays "

Fred opened his parcel and laid the books out on the counter.

I don't pretend to know much about books" he said. "I've had these for years, and I haven't even read them. My grandfather left them to me, as a matter of fact. But my wife never stops complaining about them. She says they make the house look dirty. So I thought I'd bring them in to show you, just in case there is anything of interest"

In the meantime, the bookseller was picking up the books one by one, and examining them. He shook his head.

"They are not much good" he said, "I can give you a few pounds **for the lot** if you more to get rid of them. I can't offer you more, I'm afraid"

When he saw the last book, however, his eyes lit up with excitement.

"What is it?" asked fred.

"Now this is worth something," exclaimed the bookseller, turning over the pages. "It's a very rare edition."

He handed the book to Fred, who looked at the tittle. It was a novel of the last century by an author whose name he had never heard of. Of all the books which he had gathered together to bring to the bookshop, this one had looked the least interesting.

"How much is it worth?" he asked the book seller.

" How much ?" the man repeated. "I can't tell you exactly. But not less than a hundred pounds, I should say. I am only guessing. It may be worth a lot more..."

It was Fred's turn to be excited. He thought of all the wonderful things he could buy with a hundred pounds.

(I) Choose the best answer.

(a) Fred took the old books to the bookseller, because.

(02 marks)

- i. he never had time to read them.
- ii. his wife did not like having them in the house.
- iii. he wanted to find out what they were worth.
- iv. he expected to get some money for them.

(II) Answer the following questions briefly, in your own words as far as possible. Use one complete sentence for each answer. **(06 marks)**

- (a) How much did the bookseller first offer fred for the books ?
- (b) Why was the last book worth a lot of money?
- (c) How much did the bookseller think that the last book might be worth?

- (III) Answer these questions, using only short form answers. **(03 marks)**
- (a) Did the bookseller find it easy to sell old books?
 - (b) Did the book seller examine all the books?
 - (c) Did Fred expect the last book to be worth a lot of money?
- (IV) Complete the following sentences. Your answers must be related to the ideas contained in the passage. **(03 marks)**
- (a) As he put his parcel down on the counter Fred asked the bookseller whether...
 - (b) Fred laid the books out on the counter so that...
 - (c) Fred hadn't read the books, although...
 - (d) Fred... but the bookseller couldn't tell him exactly.
 - (e) Fred was excited at the thought of ...
- (V) Choose the best explanation to the underline word in the passage. **(03 marks)**
- (a) For many of them.
 - (b) For most of them.
 - (c) For all of them.
 - (d) For some of them.
- (VI) Find words or phrases in the passage which mean much the same as the following. **(04 marks)**
- (a) At the present time.
 - (b) Grumbling.
 - (c) Became bright.

- (II) Read the following text and do the activities that follow. **(10 marks)**

Maie Sklodowska Curie (1867 - 1934) was born in Warsaw, Poland. As a student, she participated in the students' revolutionary organization which was fighting against the dictatorial regime in Poland. She was forced to leave Poland for Paris because of her involvement in such activities. In 1903 she shared with her husband, Pierre Curie and another scientist, Henri Becquerel, the Nobel Prize in Physics for the discovery of radioactivity. Later in 1911, she received the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for the discovery and isolation of radium. She was the first person to win two Nobel Prizes. She and her husband discovered polonium. This element was named in honour of her motherland, Poland.

Marie and her daughter Irene Joliot Curie died of radiation – included illness. These two women risked their lives for the sake of advancement in science, which now greatly benefits the society. Irene and her husband Frederick Joliot Curie shared the noble prize in Chemistry in 1935. The curies thus created a record by four family members having received Nobel Prizes.

Despite her spectacular contribution to science, Marie's nomination to the French Academy of science in 1911 was rejected by one vote because she was a woman!

1. Marie Curie won the Noble Prize in Chemistry for.
 - a. discovery of radioactivity.
 - b. discovery and isolation of radium.
 - c. discovery of X-ray.
 - d. laws of radioactive decay.

2. Fredrick Joliot Curie is Marie Curie's.
 - a. husband
 - b. brother.
 - c. son
 - d. son in law.

3. In what way did Marie Curie and her daughter risk their lives for the advancement of Science?
 - a. They defied the dictators of Poland and France.
 - b. They discovered Polonium which had great side effects.
 - c. They exposed themselves to radium and died of radium – induced illness.
 - d. They joined terrorist organizations.

4. Which of the following is true?
 - a. Polonium was named after Marie curie's motherland.
 - b. Polonium was Henri Becquerel's contribution to science.
 - c. Polonium was the element that helped Marie Curie get nominated to the French Academy of sciences.
 - d. She won the Nobel Prize for the discovery of polonium in 1935.

5. Marie Curie's nomination to the French Academy of sciences in 1911 was rejected by one vote because.
 - a. She had already won the Nobel Prize
 - b. She had was two Nobel Prizes
 - c. She was a woman
 - d. She was polish

Part D – Writing (20 marks)

- (1) Write a paragraph beginning with the given sentence. Use about 75 - 100 Words. Do not exceed the word limit. Do not write more than one paragraph. (5 marks)

Though I advised my friend, inspite of my words, my friend went near the spot where the accident took place.

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- 02. The adults say that mobile phones are not essential for children while the children say that they want mobile phones. Write an essay giving your opinions. Use about 200 words. (15 marks)

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Third Term Test – 2018
General English – Grade 12

Marking Scheme

Paper I

01. (1) of (2) about (3) in (4) for (5) until
02. (1) my (2) me (3) I (4) my (5) I
(6) your (7) our (8) me (9) us (10) her
03. (1) frightening (2) sees (3) forgotten (4) visiting (5) said
(6) are going (7) is (8) held (9) was lifted (10) had
04. (1) When will the class begin?
(2) Who won the 1st place in the competition?
(3) How does Sarath go to his work place?
(4) From where do you buy the books?
(5) Why hasn't Sithuli written the paper?
05. (1) We make friends throughout our lives.
(2) A very special relationship is shared between a husband and a wife.
(3) He was brilliant, innovative and multi talented.
(4) I did a one month course on mountaineering in India.
(5) Knowing English will make you more employable.
06. (1) Until (2) Unless (3) though (4) since (5) and

Part B

01. (1) by Mathew Martin (2) two (3) tikka (4) 5 minutes (5) rice
02. 1. The Retro Concert of The Year 2. Today 3. BoneyM 4. 5000 Rs.
5. 7.30 p.m 6. Platinum 7. SLECC 8. Combank Credit Card
9. Legends, Daily Mirror, Daily Ft, Sunday Times 10. Cinema – SCOPE
On line ticketing - Book my show
03. 1) a . False b. True 2) a. (iv) b. (iv) 3) i. bet ii. real

PART – C - Summarizing - Content – 04 - Language – 06

PART – D - I and II) Writing - Content – 04 Language – 06 Organization -03

Mechanics of writing 02