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Third Term Test - Grade 13 - 2018

Index No. .... General English - I Three hours only

Instructions

▶ Answer all the questions

Part A - Grammar (40 Marks)

(01) Fill in each blank with a suitable word from the list below. (10 marks)

( thus / although / since / to / however / that / on / of / because / for )

Successful sports professionals have become stars and celebrities 1) ..... of the constant media attention 2) ..... they are paid huge salaries, they live extravagant lifestyles which allows them 3) ..... have huge houses and luxury vehicles.

4) ..... some important professionals like top surgeons, research scientists and even university professors are paid considerably lower salaries compared to these top sport stars.

5) ..... most of people find these super salaries unfair.

But 6) ..... the other hand, the popularity of sports is due to their natural talent and their ability to positively represent their country to the world. The skill and the dedication needed

7) ..... the highly competitive nature of the game makes the super salaries justifiable.

Also the intense media pressure means they have very little privacy out 8) ..... the spotlight.

9) ..... the above factors justify the earnings of the stars, it also indicates

10) ..... our society places more value on sport than on essential professions and achievements.

**02. Combine the following pairs of sentences using a suitable conjunction from those given in brackets. (05 marks)**

1. We will not go on a picnic. The weather is fine. (unless, if, and)  
.....
2. Ganga was ill. She came to school. (if, so, although )  
.....
3. The vehicles have to wait. The traffic light changes to green. (until, when, because)  
.....
4. The old lady has fallen off the bus. The conductor hadn't caught her. (if, unless, because)  
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5. There was no bus at that time. We had to walk. (since, although, until)  
.....

**03. Complete the following sentences by putting the words in the brackets into the correct order. (05 marks)**

1. Older .....  
(carefully / walk / than / people / teenagers / more )
2. Nihal .....  
(the / boy / in / most / his / is / class / handsome )
3. Statistics .....  
(an / subject / is / important / you / if / research / to do / want )
4. When you .....  
(a job / apply / for / write / have to / you / application / of / a letter )
5. Mother Theresa .....  
(internationally / was / for / her service / recognized / to humanity )

**04. Complete the following questions so as to get the answers given below each of them. (05 marks)**

1. How ..... ?  
I go to office by train.
2. Where ..... ?  
Nimal went to the temple last evening.

3. Who ..... ?

Nimal got the prize for science.

4. Whose ..... ?

It is my pen.

5. When ..... ?

Our exam will be held in August.

**05. Fill in each blank with a suitable word from the list given below. (05 marks)**

|                 |             |                 |                |                |                |
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| <b>weeks</b>    | <b>name</b> | <b>directly</b> | <b>family</b>  | <b>old</b>     |                |
| <b>employee</b> | <b>read</b> | <b>them</b>     | <b>touched</b> | <b>request</b> |                |
| <b>each</b>     | <b>gave</b> | <b>mother</b>   | <b>please</b>  | <b>raising</b> | <b>collect</b> |

A young child sent a letter to the post office, addressed to God. A postal 1) ..... not knowing exactly what to do with it 2) ..... it to the local Rotary Club. It read "Dear God, my 3) ..... is Ramesh. I am six years 4) ..... My father is dead and my 5) ..... is having a time 6) ..... me and my sister. Would you 7) ..... send us Rs. 5000?"

The Rotarians were 8) ..... and decided to pitch in a few rupees 9) ..... and send whatever they collected to the 10) ..... They were able to 11) ..... Rs. 3000. A couple of 12) ..... later a second letter from Ramesh was turned over to 13) ..... The boy thanked God but ended the letter with this 14) ..... "Next time, would you please deliver the money 15) ..... to our home? If you send it to the Rotary Club, they deduct Rs. 2000."

**Part B – Comprehension (20 marks)**

**01. Of the options given below each sentence (in bold print) underline the one that best expresses its meaning. (05 marks)**

a **I know a lot more computers than my sister does.**

1. I know a lot more about computers than I know about my sister.
2. My sister does not know anything about computers, but I know a lot.
3. My sister knows something about computers, but I know a lot more.
4. I know that my sister does not know anything about computer.

- b **Following the popularity of his first two films, it's no surprise that his latest production has been successful.**
1. His first two films were not popular but his latest one was successful.
  2. His first two films were popular and as everybody expected, his latest one has been successful.
  3. His latest production was more successful than the first two films.
  4. It's not strange that his latest production has been successful, but it is unbelievable that his first two films were popular.
- c **There is likely to be rain everywhere today except in Colombo.**
1. It rained everywhere today except in Colombo.
  2. There will be no rain anywhere today except in Colombo.
  3. It may rain everywhere today except in Colombo.
  4. It is likely that there will be rain in Colombo today.
- d **I rarely need to go into the city centre except to do some shopping.**
1. I always go into the city centre but I do not do any shopping there.
  2. I rarely go into the city centre and I do not do any shopping there.
  3. It is mainly to do some shopping that I go into the city centre.
  4. I do not need to go into the city centre to do any shopping.
- e **Despite falling midway through the race, she won.**
1. She could have won the race if she had non fallen midway through the race.
  2. She had already won the race when she fell down.
  3. She won the race although she had fallen midway through the race.
  4. She won the race as she fell down.

02. **Read the following passage and do the activities that follow.**

**(05 marks)**

The home of an ordinary, peaceable man was entered one day by a large and violent person, a person of great power and authority, who asked the man, "Do you agree to serve me ?" Without saying a word, the man prepared food and drink for this person, and gave him the best room in the house and the best bed to sleep on. Washing and mending his clothes, cooking his meals, cleaning up after him, the man of the house served the intruder diligently and without a word of complaint for seven years. At the end of this time, the person of great power and authority had grown so fat, as fat even as the famous King of Egypt, and so unhealthy from lack of exercise that **he** died. The man wrapped the body in old sacking and threw it on a rubbish tip. Then he returned home, and burnt the bedding, washed the bedstead down with disinfectant, whitewashed the walls, scrubbed the floor-boards, and answered "No."

- (1) Write TRUE or FALSE beside each sentence in the space provided . (02 marks)
1. The owner of the house proceeded to serve and offer everything of his best, even if he did not really want to. ( )
  2. The intruder was disposed of without ceremony. ( )

- (2) Underline the correct answer to the following questions. (02 marks)
1. Which word will be most suitable to describe the character of the owner of the house?  
 (a) arrogant (b) submissive (c) violent
  2. Who or what does the underlined pronoun (he) refer to ?  
 (a) The intruder (b) King of Egypt (c) The owner of the house

- (3) Write one word from the passage which means the same as the following. (01 mark)
- In a manner of working with care and effort.
- .....

**03. Read the following letter to the editor and give short answers to the questions that follow. (10 marks)**

**A letter to the Editor,**

Last evening I accompanied my 10 year old son to the **Children's Park** which is a part of the U.C. park. I was much annoyed by the behaviour of two mothers and their four children who came there to spend the evening. The moment they entered the place the children ran from one play thing to another, pushing, forcing and grabbing whatever equipment they wanted. Soon only those four children at play and the other children were made on-lookers.

The two mothers unconcerned and insensitive to what was happening, kept on chatting. They should feel ashamed of themselves. Parents and elders must remember that our children do as we do. If they are badly behaved, we must share the blame.

1. Who did the writer go to the park with?  
 .....
2. Quote the sentence which shows the writer was not happy with the behaviour of 'the four children'.  
 .....
3. Did the other children enjoy themselves? If not why?  
 .....
4. What two words show the behaviour of the two mothers ?  
 .....
5. Who does the underlined word 'they' in the letter refer to ?  
 .....

**Part C – Summarizing (10 marks)**

- (1) **Write a summary of the following text. You may use any number of sentences but do not use more than thirty five (35) words. Write only one word in each cage. (05 marks)**

Right now, many changes are taking place in the roles of husbands and wives. The wife is not satisfied with the prospect of staying at home the rest of her life. Even if she enjoys housework and child care, she sees herself as more than a house keeper and mother. She is looking for a way to establish her own identity. If she gets a job, she does not have to apologize for working. Self – reliance is crucial to her and she tries to become as free as her husband. The husband's role is changing too. He is beginning to realize that his job cannot be the only important thing in his life. He understands that he must share family responsibilities with his wife if he wants to be an equal partner and parent.

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- (2) **Write a summary of the following text. You may use any number of sentences but do not use more than forty (40) words. Write only one word in each cage. (05 marks)**

An unemployed youth got a new job at the zoo. The gorilla in the zoo had died. Then youth was asked to dress up in a gorilla's skin and pretend to be a gorilla so that people would keep coming to the zoo. During his first day on the job, the youth put on the skin and went into the cage. The people cheered on seeing him. So he began to put up a show, jumping around and chattering. The next day, during an acrobatic feat he lost his balance and crased through some safety netting and landed in the middle of the lion's cage. As he lay there stunned, the lion roared. The youth was terrified and began to scream, "Help, Help!"

The lion raced over to him, placed his paws on his chest and hissed, 'Shut up you idiot or we'll both lose our jobs!'

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**Part D – Writing (30 marks)**

(1) Imagine you have met with an accident while on holiday and are now in hospital with a broken leg. Write a letter of not more than 150 words to a friend including the following information.

- How the accident happened
- What injuries you have sustained
- Something about your condition
- How well you are being looked after.

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**Part A – Vocabulary (25 marks)**

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

1. Ris ..... (es, ing, en) very early in the morning, the traveller continued his journey.
2. There was great excit ..... (ing, ement, ed) at the cricket match when Brett Lee was bowled.
3. Nuwan apolog ..... (ised, y, etic) to the teacher for being rude.
4. Modern invent ..... (ing, ed, ions) have made homework easy.
5. Deepavali is a Hindu festi ..... (val, vity, ve).

**02. Read the following passage and match the words underlined with their meanings by writing the correct number in the space provided. (10 marks)**

These must be taken (1) immediately, (2) accurately and with a (3) purpose, giving the defence no time to re-group. A push to one of your own unmarked players is often (4) valuable and all half backs should (5) follow up their attacking forwards to carry out this (6) task. A (7) wild hit is useless. If the hit cannot be taken (8) rapidly in this way, it is better to wait for a slower but harder hit. In your own half, this should be taken by a full back. The golden (9) rule for a back taking a free hit in the circle is to aim towards the side line and never across the circle or towards the (10) centre.

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|---------------------|-----|-----------------------------|-----|
| (a) law             | ( ) | (b) aim                     | ( ) |
| (c) duty            | ( ) | (d) quickly                 | ( ) |
| (e) correctly       | ( ) | (f) middle                  | ( ) |
| (g) lacking control | ( ) | (h) precious                | ( ) |
| (i) go              | ( ) | (j) happening without delay | ( ) |

**03. Select any five (05) words from the list given below and use each of them in a sentences to bring out its meaning clearly. You may use the verbs in any tense. (05marks)**

|            |           |           |         |            |
|------------|-----------|-----------|---------|------------|
| complexion | celebrate | confident | never   | respect    |
| seldom     | perform   | alone     | illness | stationary |

- (1) .....
- (2) .....
- (3) .....
- (4) .....
- (5) .....

**04. Underline the correct word from those given in brackets. (05marks)**

1. We heard the train which was coming to the (airport / harbour / station)
2. In its (trip / journey / tour) round the sun, the earth is accompanied by the moon.
3. Many (stories / questions/ theories) are held about the origin of man.
4. The Mahaweli Diversion Scheme appears to me more complicated than any other (project / shramadana / association.)
5. (Weak / Strong / Thin) chest muscles give birds the power to flap their wings.

**Part B – Dialogues (25 marks)**

**01. Nishantha studies in London. He gives a call to his brother Malintha in Kandy to know about his father's health. Complete this conversation between two brothers. (05 marks)**

**N – Nishantha**

**M – Malintha**

N : Hello! Is that Malintha?

M : Yes, Nishantha. I was expecting your call.

N : Ok. How is dad now?

M : (1) .....

N : What did the doctor say ?

M : (2) .....

N : Then has he to undergo a surgery?

M : (3) .....

N : Isn't it a big problem then?

M : (4) .....

N : Now what do they suggest?

M : (5) .....

02. You are Amali. You and your friend Tharaka discuss what you are planning to study after your Advanced Level . Complete the missing part of the conversation. (05 marks)

T : What are you planning to study after your A 'level?

A : .....

T : Why do you think it is the best for you?

A : .....

T : Do you think you have plenty of opportunities for employment?

A : .....

T : What are the prospects of your promotion and fringe benefits?

A : .....

T : OK. I think yours is a very wise decision. Wish you all the best.

A : .....

03. Your teacher wants you to deliver a speech on the day of the Literary Association. As you are shy you try to avoid it. But your teacher insists. Writer out the conversation you had with your teacher. Each one must speak at least five times. (15 marks)

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**Part C – Comprehension (30 marks)**

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

The Sri Lanka government's first acknowledgement that inhaling other people's tobacco smoke can cause lung cancer led to calls yesterday for legislation to make non-smoking the norm on offices, factories and public places.

The Government's Independent Research Committee on Health concluded that passive smoking was consistent with an increase in lung cancer between 10 and 30 percent in non-smokers. While the home was probably an important source of tobacco smoke exposure particularly for the young, "work and indoor leisure environments with their greater time occupancy may be more important for adults," the committee said.

The Ministry of health said the findings were consistent with 100 to 150 lung cancer deaths a year in non-smokers and some deaths from other smoking-related diseases such as bronchitis. The risk had been estimated at about 50 times greater than the risk of lung cancer from inhaling asbestos over 20 years in the amounts in which it is usually found in buildings.

The findings are to be used by the Health Services Commission to drive home the message that passive smoking is accepted as causing lung cancer. The Government should encourage proprietors of all public places to provide for clean air all enclosed spaces, the Commission said, and legislation. should not be rule out.

The Commission went further, saying legislation was essential to make non-smoking the norm in public places. "In no other area of similar risk to the public does the Government rely on voluntary measures," Mr. S. Pathmanadan, the director of the Commission said.

The Ministry of the health said concern over passive smoking had risen part through better insulation and draught proofing. But the ministers believed the best way to discourage smoking was by persuasion rather than legislation.

The committee's statement came in an interim report. Its full finding are due later this year.

Mr. Lal Pitipana, the Media officer of the Ministry of health said that it would be for the new Health Service Authority, which will replace the Health Service Commission at end of the month, to take account of the committee's work.

1. Fill in the blanks in the following passage based on the information in the above text. (07 marks)

The Independent Research Committee on Health has just issued an interim report. It says that  
(a) ..... smoking is consistent with an increase in  
(b) ..... of between 10 and 30% amongst people who do not smoke. The risk of getting the disease in this way is reckoned to be very much greater than that of getting it through breathing in typical amounts of (c) ..... over long periods of time.

Children might be subjected to significant amounts of tobacco smoke at (d) ..... but for adults places, of work and indoor leisure might be more important.

He response to the report the Health Service Commission (which is soon to be (e) ..... by the Health Service Authority.) said that the government should encourage owners of (f) ..... places to ensure that the (g) ..... in all enclosed space is clean. However, it is known that government ministers would prefer to use persuasion.

2. Answer the following question. (01 mark)

What does the underlined pronoun " it " refer to?

.....

3. Write one word for each blank selecting from the passage which means the same as each of given phrases. (02 marks)

(a) Possibility of suffering harm or meeting danger

.....

(b) Increased or become higher

.....

02. Read the following text and do the activities that follow. (20 marks)

The total number of cars in Sri Lanka now exceeds 1 200 000. Traffic goes on increasing all the time and the roads of the Colombo city are almost permanently blocked by a slow moving procession of metal cages. Complicated systems of one-way streets and the universal use of traffic lights have not provided a real solution to the problem. As far as the motorist is concerned, driving in crowded towns like Colombo is far from being a pleasure.

Some time ago, a friend of mine, who works in a part of the Colombo city I do not know very well, invited me to call on him. It took me hours to get there and I drove round and round looking for a convenient spot to park my car. At last I found a small space in a by road. As I was already three quarters of an hour late, I parked my car quickly and hurried off on foot. Making my way rapidly along the street, I could not help reflecting that nowadays, it is much easier to walk than to drive.

At noon, just as I was leaving my friend's office, it suddenly struck me that I had no idea where I had parked my car. I could hardly go up to a policeman and tell him that I had lost a small green car somewhere ! I would simply have to look for it myself. Walking down street after street, I examined each car closely and was greatly relieved to see a small green car just behind an old cart. But how disappointed I was to discover that though the car was exactly like my own, it belonged to someone else ! Feeling quite tired now, I gave up the search and went off for lunch. Some time later, I left the restaurant and walked idly down the street. Turning the corner, I nearly jumped for joy: My car was right in front of me – and there was no mistaking it this time. I could not help smiling as I drew near. Pasted on the wind-screen was a little ticket which informed me that the car had been visited by a policeman in my absence. To add to it all, I was now guilty of a traffic offence!.

- (A) Write **True** (T) or **False** (F) in the space provided. (1 x 6 = 06)
- (a) After the writer had arrived near his friend's office, he tried to find a place to park his car. ( )
  - (b) The writer parked his car in a hurry because he was late for his appointment. ( )
  - (c) The writer went to his friend's office after he had his lunch. ( )
  - (d) The writer requested a policeman to help him to find his car. ( )
  - (e) According to the text, the writer could eventually find his car being parked behind old cart. ( )
  - (f) The policeman who visited the car in the absence of the writer helped him to find the car. ( )

- (B) Fill in the blanks in the following passage, based on the information in the above text. Do not use more than **two words** in each blank. (1 x 4 = 04)

Unable to remember where he had parked, the writer went down street after street looking carefully at each car. At last, he saw a (1) \_\_\_\_\_ one which looked like his own but belonged to (2) \_\_\_\_\_. He now gave up the search and went for (3) \_\_\_\_\_. On leaving the restaurant sometime later, he walked down the street and suddenly found (4) \_\_\_\_\_ just round the corner.

- (C). Who or what do the underlined pronouns in the passage refer to? (1 x 3 = 03)
- a. him (paragraph 2) \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. him(paragraph 3) \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. it (paragraph 3) \_\_\_\_\_

(D). Write one word for each blank selecting from the passage, which means the same as each of the given words / phrases. (1 x 7 = 07)

- a. is greater than / is more than \_\_\_\_\_
- b. complex \_\_\_\_\_
- c. gave information to \_\_\_\_\_
- d. illegal act \_\_\_\_\_
- e. getting bigger and bigger \_\_\_\_\_
- f. having done wrong \_\_\_\_\_
- g. identifying wrongly \_\_\_\_\_

**Part D – Writing (20 marks)**

**01. Write out your first experience of a public exam. (for an example G.C.E. O/L) using about 150 words. You may include the following points. (05 marks)**

- (a) You were nervous when you entered the exam hall.
- (b) You had difficulty in finding your seat with your index number on it.
- (c) The exam hall was not ventilated properly.
- (d) Your feelings when you got the question paper.
- (e) You couldn't hear the supervisor's instruction at the back.
- (f) You read the paper with fear, couldn't manage your time.
- (g) Your hands trembled, so that couldn't write in a good hand.

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**02. Write an essay on the topic of 'The role of social media towards the development of a country.'  
Use about 100 – 200 words. (10 marks)**

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**Third Term Test – 2018**  
**General English – Grade 13**

**Marking Scheme**

**Paper I**

**Grammar**

- (1). (1). because (2). since (3). to (4). However (5). Thus  
(6). on (7). for (8). of (9). Although (10). that
- (2). (1). We will not go on a picnic unless the weather is fine / Unless the weather is fine, we will not go on a picnic.  
(2). Although Ganga was ill, she came to school.  
(3). The vehicles have to wait until the traffic light changes to green.  
(4). The old lady has fallen off the bus, if the conductor hadn't caught her / If the conductor hadn't caught her, the old lady has fallen off the bus.  
(5). Since there was no bus at that time, we had to walk / We had to walk since there was no bus at that time.
- (3). (1). Older people walk more carefully than teenagers.  
(2). Nihal is the most handsome boy in his class.  
(3). Statistics is an important subject if you want to do research.  
(4). When you apply for a job you have to write a letter of application.  
(5). Mother Theresa was internationally recognized for her service to humanity.
- (4). (1). How do you go / get to office? (2). Where did Nimal go last evening?  
(3). Who got / received the prize for science ? (4). Whose pen is this?  
(5). When will your exam be held ?
- (5). (1). employee (2). gave (3). name (4). old (5). mother  
(6). raising (7). please (8). touched (9). each (10). family  
(11). collect (12). weeks (13). them (14). request (15). directly

**Part B**

- (1). (a). iii (b). ii (c). iii (d). iii (e). iii
- (2). (1). i. T ii. T (2). i b ii a (3). diligently
- (3). (1) With his 10 years old son.  
(2) 'I was much annoyed by the behaviour of two mothers and their four children who came there to spend evening'  
(3) No, when the four children came to play other children were made on lookers.  
(4) Unconcerned and insensitive.  
(5) Children in common

**Part C**

- (1)    apart            from            the            traditional        role  
      they            play            women        are            taking  
      up            jobs            attempting    to            build  
      up            self-identity    and            be            self-reliant  
      Men           realize           that           they           need  
      to            feel            shy            to            share  
      domestic      chores           and            family        responsibilities
- (2)    A            youth           employed        by            a  
      zoo            to            act            as            a  
      gorilla        once           fell            into           the  
      lion's        cage           during        at            performance.  
      The           frightened      youth        screamed    The  
      lion           warned        him           if            he  
      does          not            keep        quiet        both  
      will          lose           their        jobs

**Paper II**

**Part A**

- (1).    (1). - ing        (2).- ement      (3)-ised                      (4)-ions                      5. – val
- (2).    (a). 9            (b). 3            (c). 6            (d). 8            (e). 2  
          (f). 10          (g). 7            (h). 4            (i). 5            (j). 1
- (4).    (1). station                      (2). journey                      (3). theories                      (4). project                      (5). strong

**Part B**

- (1).    (1). We took a scan yesterday at Durdens Clinic  
      (2). They say the scan shows a small stone in his kidney.  
      (3). No they are not sure, They say it is no use blasting it.  
      (4). The doctor says it is stuck in the middle.  
      (5). Wait for another three months.

**Part C**

- (1).    (1).    a) passive            b) lung cancer            c) asbestos            d) home            e) replaced / substituted  
          f) public            g) air
- (2).    asbestos
- (3).    a) risk            b) risen
- (2).(A) (a). T            (b). T            (c). F            (d). F            (e). F            (f) F
- (B).    (1). small green / small / green                      (2). someone else / somebody else / another person  
      (3). his lunch. / lunch                                      (4). his car / the car
- (C).    (1). friend of the writer                      (2). policeman                      (3). the car / the writer's car
- (4).    (1). exceeds                      (2). complicated                      (3). informed                      (4). offence  
      (5). increasing                      (6) guilty                                      (7) mistake