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First Term Test - Grade 12 - 2019

Index No. .... General English - I One hour only

Instructions

- ▶ Answer all the questions

PART A— GRAMMAR & VOCABULARY (35 marks)

- (01) Fill in the blanks in the following text using the prepositions given in the box. Use each preposition only once. There is one preposition extra. (5 marks)

on through from into with by

When I was seven years old, my dad had just got transferred to Nasik. We had shifted (1) ..... a rented house. The house was surrounded (2) ..... lots of bushes and vines. It was raining very heavily (3) ..... the day we shifted.

I went out and felt those refreshing raindrops (4) ..... a cool breeze on my face. It was a cold dark night. We had our meal and went out to sleep. Somehow in the midnight, I heard a loud thud outside the main door. I mustered courage and peeped out (5) ..... the window and I was really amused with what I saw outside.

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

Dark rain clouds were gathering in the sky. I (1) ..... (cycle) as fast as I could (2) ..... (get) home before the downpour. When I felt a few big drops on my head, I decided (3) ..... (head) for a bus stop, about a hundred meters away. As I (4) ..... (near) the bus stop, I saw a lady (5) ..... (rush) towards it from the opposite direction, pulling a little boy behind her. The little boy was finding it hard (6) ..... (keep) up with her, so, finally, she just picked him up and (7) ..... (carry) him.

Suddenly, a motorcyclist roared past me, almost (8) .....  
(knock) me down. "Hey! (9) ..... (be) you mad!"  
I shouted at the motorcyclist. He (10) ..... (turn) to look at  
me and then sped up and escaped.

**(03) Underline the correct word from those given within brackets to fill in the blanks in the following text. (10 marks)**

Maggie took a vacation with her family. One of her favourite places they visited was Hershey, Pennsylvania. The town was built over a hundred years ago by Milton Hershey (1) ..... (whom, who, whose) was the founder of the Hershey Candy Company. It contains (2) ..... (any, some, much) of his chocolate making factories (3) ..... (and, so, but) has become a huge tourist attraction. Visitors are given an opportunity to sample some of the delicious chocolates made there. Maggie's mother just loves chocolate and tried (4) ..... (much, few, many) different kinds. (5) ..... (In, From, With) each new bite, Maggie would hear (6) ..... (herself, her, hers) mother say something like, "This is divine," or "This is just heavenly," or "Oh, now I know I'm in heaven."

Finally, Maggie could resist (7) ..... (no, any, some) longer. She turned to her father and asked, "Daddy, is this really heaven?"

"No, sweetheart," he said with a puzzled smile. "Why do you ask?"

"Well. Mommy keeps saying (8) ..... (a, that, the) chocolate is heavenly each time she takes a bite," explained Maggie.

At this, her father laughed out loud. "I think your mommy just likes chocolate an awful lot," he said.

"Why don't we go and get (9) ..... (ours, ourselves, us) a few little bites of heaven?"

He looked at Maggie. She giggled, took his hand, and off (10) ..... (they, them, she) went to the nearest Hershey Candy Store.

**(04) Underline the correct word from those given within brackets. (5 marks)**

1. The police are taking every possible effort to complete the ..... of the murder case soon. (inquiry, examination, observation, investigation)
2. We are looking forward to the ..... of the new refrigerator we have bought. (arrival, delivery, bringing, departure)
3. Do you know the ..... life span of a person. (average, simple, general, usual)
4. He is a critic. He writes very good ..... on films. (accounts, descriptions, reviews, essays)
5. When the waiter ..... the meals, we were all talking about our past memories. (brought, took, gave, carried)

**(05) Underline the correct word ending, selecting from those given within brackets. (5 marks)**

I have grown up in Britain. So, I know a lot about British people and their culture. Here are some strange things that British people do. Tea-drinking is a very big thing in Britain. There are lots of tea houses and shops in London that (1) speci ..... (al, alize, alized) in different types of brewed tea. There are British people who drink up to ten cups of tea a day. That means tea is very important and (2) particu ..... (lar, larly, alrize) to British culture. Another strange thing is that in the UK, the (3) tradi ..... (tion, tional, tionally) is to have two (4) separa ..... (te, ted, ting) taps in bathrooms for hot water and cold water. But in Europe, in (5) gener ..... (al, ally, alize) the taps are mixer taps, so it means that you move it to the left to get hot water and to the right to get cold water.

**PART B — READING AND WRITING (25 marks)**

**(06) Underline the option that best expresses the meaning of each of the sentences given below.**

**(5 marks)**

1. The play produced by him is better than any other play produced by his friends.
  - a. His play is not better than the plays produced by his friends.
  - b. He produced the best play.
  - c. The plays produced by his friends are better than his play.
  - d. He did not produce the best play.
  
2. The hole through which my brother entered the cave was too small for me to enter.
  - a. My brother entered the cave through a hole and I followed him.
  - b. I entered the cave through a hole though it was small.
  - c. The hole was so small that I could not enter the cave through it.
  - d. My brother and I could not enter the cave as the hole was small.
  
3. You ought to have told him that the paint on that bench was wet.
  - a. You told him that the paint on that bench was wet, so he did not sit on it.
  - b. You told him that the paint on that bench was wet, but he sat on it.
  - c. You did not tell him that the paint on that bench was wet, so he sat on it.
  - d. He did not sit on the bench because the paint on it was wet.
  
4. Unless you go there yourself, you will not understand how fantastic it is.
  - a. You need not go there yourself to understand how fantastic it is.
  - b. You have to go there yourself to understand how fantastic it is.
  - c. You will really understand how fantastic it is though you do not go there yourself.
  - d. Though you go there yourself, you will not really understand how fantastic it is.
  
5. You should be ashamed of yourself for telling a lie to your parents.
  - a. You told a lie to your parents and you should be ashamed of that.
  - b. You should be ashamed to lie to your parents.
  - c. It is ashamed to tell lies to parents.
  - d. You did not tell a lie to your parents as you are ashamed.

**(07) Read the following text and answer the questions.**

**(10 marks)**

What is a job interview? Well, generally it is what follows after you have sent your CV to an employer who wants to know more about you. Nowadays, employers want to meet you in person and see what you look like and discuss your qualifications. There are several things you have to be careful about, for example, the way you dress for that first meeting. For men, it is better to wear formal clothes - a shirt, tie and it is appropriate to wear a jacket or blazer. Make sure your hair is tidy and looking your best. If you are a woman, it is important to look smart and not wear too much make up! Another important point is punctuality. Make sure you arrive on time. Never be late! They may think you are not very reliable. When you are in the actual interview answer the questions clearly and directly and, if there is something you do not understand, ask them to repeat the question instead of giving the wrong answer. Show that you are interested in the job but do not be overexcited. Relax, do your best and be yourself!

1. Which of the following is true? Underline it.
  - a. You have to send your CV after the interview.
  - b. Employers like to meet the applicants and chat with them.
  - c. You must wear a jacket or a blazer when you go for an interview.
  - d. You have to look smart when going for an interview.
  
2. Which of the following aren't the employers concerned about?
  - a. punctuality
  - b. qualifications
  - c. habits
  - d. appearance
  
3. Do the following statements agree with the information given in the text?  
In boxes (a)—(c) write True, False or Not Given

True	If the statement is correct
False	If the statement is wrong
Not Given	If there is no sufficient information on this

Statements	
a. Employers like to meet applicants in person before the interview.	
b. Your answers must be clear and direct	
c. You may ask the information you want to know.	

**(08) Write a paragraph beginning with the given sentence. Use about 75 words. Do not exceed the word limit. Do not write more than one paragraph. (10 marks)**

Good health habits promote healthy living.

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13 E II

First Term Test - Grade 12 - 2019

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

Instructions

- ▶ Answer all the questions

Part A – Reading (50 marks)

- (01) Read the passage given below in which some words are given in bold type. Then, underline the meaning that is most appropriate to the context for the words given in bold type from 1 to 5. (10 marks)

James lived with his wife Sandra and their children in a town near Bangalore. He was young, but he did not like to work. Two or three days a week, he went to town and did some odd jobs. The rest of the time, he played with his children and their friends.

His wife was angry with him. 'Why don't you get a job like your friends?' she scolded him. 'You only earn enough to buy us food, but there are so many other things we need. The children need books for school, all of us need cloth, the house needs repairing. But you are too lazy to do anything.'

'But what can I do?' James wondered. 'I cannot work in a mill because I do not know how to run machines. I cannot be a teacher because I am not good at studies.'

'And you cannot work in a shop because you cannot count,' said Sandra.

'And I cannot cut or stitch clothes, so I cannot be a tailor. I always know I am good for nothing,' said James. He was very sad.

- 1. odd small strange temporary minor
2. get obtain have take find
3. enough a lot plenty sufficient amount a little
4. run control operate manage go quickly
5. good well interested clever fond of

- (02) Study the text given below and do the activities given below. (10 marks)

The Effects of Stress

There is a famous expression in English: "Stop the world, I want to get off!" This expression refers to a feeling of panic, or stress, that makes a person want to stop whatever they are doing, try to relax, and become calm again. 'Stress' means pressure or tension. It is one of the most common causes of health problems in modern life. Too much stress results in physical, emotional, and mental health problems.

There are numerous physical effects of stress. Stress can affect the heart. It can increase the pulse rate, make the heart miss beats, and can cause high blood pressure. Stress can affect the respiratory system. It can lead to asthma. It can cause a person to breathe too fast, resulting in a loss of important carbon dioxide. Stress can affect the stomach. It can cause stomach aches and problems digesting food. These are only a few examples of the wide range of illnesses and symptoms resulting from stress.

Emotions are also easily affected by stress. People suffering from stress often feel anxious. They may have panic attacks. They may feel tired all the time. When people are under stress, they often overreact to little problems. For example, a normally gentle parent under a lot of stress at work may yell at a child for dropping a glass of juice. Stress can make people angry, moody, or nervous.

Long-term stress can lead to a variety of serious mental illnesses. Depression, an extreme feeling of sadness and hopelessness, can be the result of continued and increasing stress. Alcoholism and other addictions often develop as a result of overuse of alcohol or drugs to try to relieve stress. Eating disorders, such as anorexia, are sometimes caused by stress and are often made worse by stress. If stress is allowed to continue, then one's mental health is put at risk.

It is obvious that stress is a serious problem. It attacks the body. It affects the emotions. Untreated, it may eventually result in mental illness. Stress has a great influence on the health and well-being of our bodies, our feelings, and our minds. So, reduce stress: stop the world and rest for a while.

1. Do the following statements agree with the information given in the text? **(6 marks)**  
In boxes (1)—(3) write True, False or Not Given

True	If the statement is correct
False	If the statement is wrong
Not Given	If there is no sufficient information on this

Statements	
1. Stress is the only cause for the health problems in modern life	
2. Only physical effects of stress are given in the second paragraph	
3. Watching TV can cause stress	

2. **Underline** the best option out of the four options given. **(4 marks)**
- 1) According to the first paragraph
    - a. Stress is only physical
    - b. Stress is only psychological
    - c. Stress is physical and psychological
    - d. Stress was not found in the past
  
  - 2) The third paragraph in the text describes,
    - a. Causes of stress
    - b. Signs of stress
    - c. Cure for stress
    - d. Effects of stress

**(03) Read the text and answer the questions.**

**(30 marks)**

In front of the house there was a beach. Peter liked to stretch on the sand when the sun was warming **it**. From the back door of the house he would walk along a path as far as the sand, and stand at the water's edge looking at the sea. When nothing very interesting was happening on the water, he would go down on his knees and take a handful of sand. Through his fingers ran the sand until only small stones and shells were left. Then, with a large sweep of his arm and with as much strength as he could muster, Peter would throw **them** as far as he could.

At other times, he would go on his back and gaze up at the clouds, his hands idly searching the sand at his sides. He never stopped playing with the sand and feeling it run through his fingers, however much he was absorbed by the changes in the clouds.

Occasionally some fishing boats came close enough to the beach for Peter to see what the fishermen were doing. Then with his hands clasped he would look and look, while his whole body moved with the boat from side to side. When the fishermen drew in their nets or cast them into the water, Peter would do the same with an imaginary net of **his** own from his place on the beach. On this small beach, Peter had a world of his own.

1. Do the following statements agree with the information given in the text? **(12 marks)**

In boxes (1)—(6) write True, False or Not Given

True	If the statement is correct
False	If the statement is wrong
Not Given	If there is no sufficient information on this

Statements	
1. When the sun was warming the sand, Peter liked to lie there.	
2. Looking at the sea was also one of Peter's habits.	
3. Peter loved to collect small stones and shells in the sand.	
4. Peter was very much interested in playing with the sand.	
5. Peter moved onto the boat when it came close enough to the beach.	
6. Peter too, like the fishermen, cast his net into the water.	

2. Underline the correct response. **(10 marks)**

- 1) This passage is mainly about .....
- a. the fishermen
  - b. the beach
  - c. Peter's love for beach
  - d. the Peter's house by the sea
- 2) Peter took a handful of sand
- a. when something special was happening on the water
  - b. when something special was happening on the beach
  - c. when nothing interesting was happening on the beach
  - d. when nothing interesting was happening on the water



- 3) Peter was on his back on the beach to .....
- to stretch on the sand
  - to search the sand at his sides
  - to feel the sand run through his fingers
  - to look at the clouds
- 4) The word which is closest in meaning for **ran** is
- dripped
  - glided
  - swept
  - dropped
- 5) The small stones and the shells left in Peter's hand were .....
- put in his collection at home
  - thrown away
  - buried in the sand
  - put in his pocket to play with later

3. Who or what do the following pronouns in bold print refer to? **(6 marks)**

- it (first paragraph) .....
- them (first paragraph) .....
- his (third paragraph) .....

4. Write one word for the phrase, selecting from the passage, which means the same as it. **(2 mark)**

- not real, but created in the mind .....

**PART B — DIALOGUES (25 marks)**

**(04) How do you respond in each of the following situations? Write only one sentence or question for each, beginning with the word/s given. (5 marks)**

- You could not attend the English seminar last Friday. How do you request your friend to lend his/her notes?

“Could you .....”

- Your friend looks so sad today and you want to know why.

“What’s .....”

- One of your friends invites you to his or her birthday party next Sunday. You accept it with great pleasure.

“I’d .....”

4. Your friend has scored low marks at the term test. How do you advise him/her?

“You’d better .....

5. An old woman is getting into a bus with a great difficulty and you wish to help her.

“Can .....

**(05) Mr. Amal Perera wants to meet Mr. Ajith Kumara, the Director of AGD company. Complete the missing parts of the dialogue between Amal Perera and the receptionist. Do not use more than two sentences/ questions in each blank. (5 marks)**

Receptionist : Hello, how can I help you?

Amal : Hello, ..... Mr. Ajith Kumara please?

Receptionist : .....at the moment. He’s visiting a factory.

Amal : I see! ..... back in the office?

Receptionist : I’m not sure. I don’t know how long he’s going to stay there.

Amal : .....? Will he be free then?

Receptionist : Just a moment. I’ll check. No, he’s having lunch with a designer.

Amal : Till what time , do you know?

Receptionist : Erm.....well. .... after 2. 00 p.m.

Amal : Are you sure?

Receptionist : Definitely, he’ll be back in the office for the rest of the day.

Amal : OK. I’ll phone back then. Thank you.

Receptionist : That’s alright. Good bye.

**(06) Your family is planning to go on a trip to Nuwara Eliya during the next school vacation. You want to stay at Pinidiya Holiday Resort for two days. You are speaking to the manager of the Holiday Resort to get the information you need. Write out the telephone conversation you will have with the manager. Each one should speak at least five times. (15 marks)**

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**PART C — WRITING SKILLS (65 marks)**

**(07) Select any five words from the list of nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs given below and use each one of them in a meaningful sentence. You may use the verbs in any tense. Do not change the form of the other words. (10 marks )**

Nouns	permission,      protest
Verbs	request,      collect,      export
Adjectives	deadly,      delicate,      friendly
Adverbs	finally,      carefully

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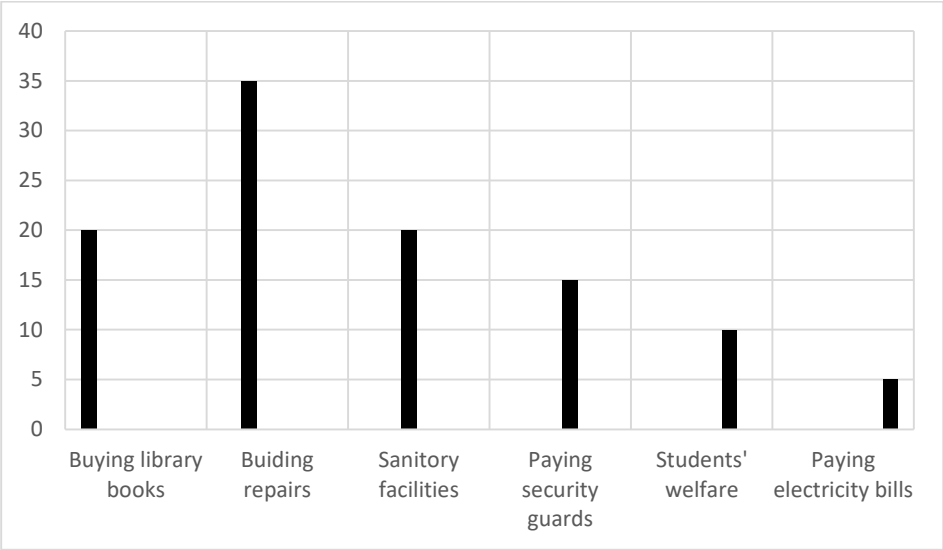
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(08) The following bar graph shows how the School Development Society of Vijaya M.V. has spent money for different purposes during the last month. Write a description describing the information and making comparisons where necessary (15 words)



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**Answer script**  
**General English Grade 12 - First Term Test 2019**

**Paper I**

**Part A**

Question 1

(1) into (2) by (3) on (4) with (5) through

Question 2

(1) was cycling (2) to get (3) to head (4) was nearing (5) rushing  
(6) to keep (7) carried (8) knocking (9) Are (10) turned

Question 3

(1) who (2) some (3) and (4) many (5) With (6) her (7) no (8) the (9) ourselves (10) they

Question 4

(1) investigation (2) delivery (3) average (4) reviews (5) brought

Question 5

(1) specialize (2) particular (3) tradition (4) separate (5) general

**Part B**

Question 6

(1) b (2) c (3) c (4) b (5) a

Question 7

(1) d (2) c (3) a. False b. True c. Not Given

Question 8

Content — 4 marks

Language use — 6 marks

**Paper II**

**Part A**

Question 1

(1) temporary (2) find (3) sufficient amount (4) operate (5) clever

Question 2

(1) 1. False 2. True 3. Not Given

(2) 1. c 2. b

Question 3

(1) 1. True 2. True 3. False 4. True 5. False 6. False

(2) 1. c 2. d 3. d 4. d 5. b

(3) 1. Sand 2. Small stones and shells (left in his hand) 3. Peter's

(4) 1. Imaginary

**Part B**

Question 4

Students may write different sentences/questions. Accept them if they are grammatically correct and appropriate in the given context. Do not deduct marks for spelling and punctuation errors.

1. Could you lend/give me your notes (please)?
2. What's the wrong/problem/matter with you?
3. I'd love/like to come
4. You'd better work hard
5. Can I help you?

Question 5

Students may write different sentences/questions. Accept them if they are grammatically correct and appropriate in the given context. Do not deduct marks for spelling and punctuation errors.

1. Could I speak to
2. I'm afraid, he's out
3. What time will he be
4. What about lunch time?
5. He'll be back

Question 6

Format – 1 mark  
Content – 5 marks  
Language use – 9 marks

**Part C**

Question 7

- One mark for each **grammatically** correct sentence
- The meaning of the given word should be brought out effectively
- Deduct one mark from the overall mark if there are more than five spelling mistakes

Question 8

Content – 6 marks  
Language use – 9 marks

Question 9

Content – 5 marks  
Language use – 10 marks

Question 10

Content – 8 marks  
Language use – 12 marks  
Organization – 5 marks