



**Question 02**

Read the following text and answer the questions (1) and (2).

**(10 marks)**

- ① My name is Thanuja Samarasena. I'm 22 years old. I'm from Passara. My father is a labourer in a tea estate. My mother is a housewife. I have only one sister. I studied at Passara Maha Vidyalaya. I studied up to the G.C.E. Advanced Level. But I didn't get through the exam. So, I started to follow the Higher National Diploma course in Human Resource Management at the Advanced Technological Institute (ATI), Badulla.
- ② At the ATI, we were taught theory from the beginning. So, it was easy. Here, we also have to interact with everyone and learn with everyone. So, it is very interesting. I had never visited Colombo before. But during my course, we visited Colombo three times.
- ③ I have already completed the theoretical component of the course. Now, I am following the practical component in a workplace through an in-plant training. I have been getting this practical training in a leading business company in Badulla for the last three months.
- ④ When I told my parents about this course at the beginning, they didn't know anything about vocational training. They asked me why I wanted to follow such a course. But my parents understood the importance of this vocational training after I started my practical training. Then they allowed my sister also to follow a course at the ATI. Now she is following a course in Hospitality Management at the ATI, Badulla.
- ⑤ Those who study here can get a good job. You can even find an overseas employment after you get the certificate. But I like to stay in Passara where I grew up, and contribute to develop my country without going to another country.

(1) Do the following statements agree with the information given in the above text?

In boxes (I) - (VIII), write **True** or **False**.

<b>True</b>	If the statement is correct
<b>False</b>	If the statement is wrong

Statements		
(I)	A candidate must have passed G.C.E. Advanced Level Examination to gain admission into Higher National Diploma course in Human Resource Management at the ATI.	
(II)	Thanuja found it very difficult to understand the theory part of her course.	
(III)	Thanuja could visit Colombo only after joining the course at the ATI.	
(IV)	At present, Thanuja receives her practical training.	
(V)	Thanuja's parents asked her to follow a course at the ATI after her G.C.E. Advanced Level Examination.	
(VI)	Thanuja's sister had started to follow the course at the ATI before Thanuja joined it.	
(VII)	Both Thanuja and her sister follow the same course at the ATI.	
(VIII)	Thanuja has no intention of getting a job abroad.	

(2) Underline the most appropriate response to complete the following sentences.

- I) The word 'interact' in paragraph ② most nearly means,  
 (a) work with pleasure (b) communicate ideas  
 (c) listen carefully (d) improve knowledge
- II) The word 'here' in paragraph ⑤ refers to,  
 (a) Badulla district (b) Passara (c) ATI (d) Colombo

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**Question 03**

Read the following poem and underline the most appropriate response to each of the questions from I - V. (05 marks)

You may see me struggle  
 but you won't see me fall.  
 Regardless if I'm weak or not  
 I'm going to stand tall.  
 Everyone says life is easy  
 but truly living it is not.  
 Times get hard,  
 people struggle  
 and constantly get put on the spot.  
 I'm going to wear the biggest smile  
 even though I want to cry.  
 I'm going to fight to live  
 even though I'm destined to die.  
 And even though it's hard  
 and I may struggle through it all.  
 You may see me struggle...  
 but you will never see me fall.

(Joyce Alcantara)

- I) What does "fall" most nearly mean in the phrase 'you won't see me fall'?
- (a) moving down from a higher place (b) become unsuccessful  
 (c) become sick (d) die in battle
- II) Which of the following adjectives is most appropriate to describe the speaker of the poem?
- (a) courageous (b) inquisitive (c) negative (d) cruel
- III) Which of the following is the most appropriate title to this poem?
- (a) Life is full of hard times (b) I'm destined to die  
 (c) You will never see me fall (d) You will never see me struggle
- IV) Which of the following best expresses the opinion of the speaker?
- a) Life is something which is very easy.  
 b) It is not necessary to work hard.  
 c) We must be ready to win challenges.  
 d) We must always fight against our enemies.
- V) What does the pronoun "it" in bold print refer to?
- (a) struggle (b) smile (c) hard-time (d) life

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## Question 04

Fill in the blanks based on the information given in the following passage. (05 marks)

An extended family comprises of multiple generations living together under the same roof. Some extended families may also include grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins who share the same household. There are many benefits of living with an extended family. First, family members who are a part of extended families experience emotional bonding. They might not achieve this bonding if they are living further apart. Second, the family members can spend time with their loved ones. Elderly parents might feel lonely when they do not have their companions around them. But living closely with their family members can make them feel happy. Third, one of the primary benefits of living with an extended family is that it reduces the family's financial strain as it is a more affordable option.

A notable feature of an extended family is that its members belong to several (i) ..... and they all live in the same place. There are a number of (ii) ..... of living with an extended family. First, these family members develop strong family (iii) ..... with each other. Second, every member of the house can share (iv) ..... with the others. Third, members of extended families receive (v) ..... benefits.

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## Question 05

Read the following text and answer the questions from I - V.

The first sentence in paragraph ② has been left out.

(20 marks)

- ① When students select their Advanced Level (A.L) subjects, they make their decision based on several factors. One is their preference for certain subjects. There are subjects they like more than others. Another is the inherent skills they have identified in themselves for certain subjects. Whatever the subjects they select, most of them wish to enter a university to continue their education.
- ② ..... The best-known ones are the state universities. For example, the University of Jaffna is today the home of eight faculties with 57 academic departments. The University of Ruhuna, another leading university in Sri Lanka, consists of ten faculties with 57 departments. In fact, each university has several faculties and there are various departments in each faculty. For example, in the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, the Faculty of Agriculture has four departments.
- ③ There are many subjects in each faculty related to the programme of study. For example, in Arts Faculties in the state university system, you can study subjects from the humanities and the social sciences. In fact, the arts faculty is known as the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. Here, you find a range of subjects such as classical languages and literature, modern languages and literature, religious studies, political science and geography.
- ④ Most state universities do not charge fees; they teach most of their programmes free of charge to undergraduates. Further, when you enter a university as an undergraduate, you are also entitled to all the facilities provided by the university either free of charge, or at a heavily subsidized rate. These facilities include library use, access to the internet and use of computer labs, accommodation for the most deserving students, etc.
- ⑤ However, there is stiff competition to get into state universities. Because of this, only a small percentage of qualified students get the opportunity since there is only a limited number of places. As a result, the number of private higher education providers in Sri Lanka is growing. The Ministry of Higher Education can grant private institutions degree-awarding authority. Admission to such private institutions too is based on Advanced Level examination results, although admission standards may be less rigorous than at state universities.

I) Do the following statements agree with the information given in the above text?

In boxes (a) – (f), write **True**, **False** or **Not Given**.

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

Statements		
(a)	If the students select the A.L subjects they like most, there is a higher chance for them to enter a state university.	
(b)	The number of faculties in the University of Jaffna is equal to the number of faculties in the University of Ruhuna.	
(c)	Literature is offered by Faculties of Humanities and Social Sciences in state universities.	
(d)	State universities provide hostel facilities for all the undergraduates.	
(e)	All the facilities offered by state universities are provided free of charge.	
(f)	Degree-awarding private institutions in Sri Lanka consider A.L examination results in their student enrolment process.	

(06 marks)

II) Underline the most appropriate option to complete the missing sentence in paragraph ② .

- (a) Now, there are many private universities in Sri Lanka.
- (b) There are many types of universities in Sri Lanka.
- (c) Most of the students like to enter a state university.
- (d) Most of the universities belong to the state sector.

(01 mark)

III) In which paragraph do you include the following information if you wish to extend each paragraph further?

Match the information with the paragraphs of the text and write the number of the paragraph in the relevant box.

Information	Number of the paragraph
(a) Percentage of A.L students enrolled in state universities	
(b) Subject choice of students before university entrance	
(c) Facilities provided by the universities	
(d) Information on number of faculties	
(e) Information on subjects offered by faculties	

(05 marks)

IV) Who/What do the following pronouns in bold print refer to?

- (a) **them** (paragraph ①) .....
- (b) **they** (paragraph ④) .....
- (c) **this** (paragraph ⑤) ..... (03 marks)

V) Write **one word** in each blank, selecting from the passage, which means the same as the following.

- (a) judgement that a person makes .....
- (b) the fact that you like something more/ have greater interest in .....
- (c) university student studying for his/her first degree .....
- (d) more difficult than usual .....
- (e) increasing in number .....

(05 marks)

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PART B

DIALOGUES [25 MARKS]

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Question 06

How do you respond in each of the following situations? Write only one sentence or question for each, beginning with the word/s given. (05 marks)

I. Your best friend conducted a presentation at the meeting of the Literary Association. You want to appreciate it.

"It....."

II. One of your friends asks you about your plans after the A Level examination.

"I ....."

III. You are the captain of your school volleyball team. Your team has won the all- island championship. A journalist asks you to express your feelings.

"I ....."

IV. You couldn't participate in the house-warming ceremony of your best friend's family. You want to make an apology with a reason.

"I'm sorry, ....."

V. You go for a job interview. During the interview, the interviewer tells you to ask anything you would like to know. Ask one question.

"Sir/Madam, .....?"

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Question 07

Complete the following dialogue between Methni and Fareena. Do not use more than two sentences/questions in each blank. (05 marks)

Fareena : Good morning.

Methni : Good morning, Fareena.

Fareena : Methni, did you go to Pahanmi's birthday party last Sunday?

Methni : (i).....

Fareena : Studying for an examination? Which examination?

Methni : (ii).....

Fareena : O Level English! Again?

Methni : Yes, I have only an 'S' pass for O Level English.

(iii).....?

Fareena : Well, I have an 'A' pass. Anyway, the best thing you can do is to write answers for some past papers and model papers. That's what I did.

Methni : (iv).....?

Fareena : You can buy them from any local bookshop.

Methni : (v).....?

Fareena : No, not very expensive.

Methni : Thanks.

Fareena : You're welcome.

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**PART C**

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**WRITING SKILLS [65 marks]**

**Question 09**

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. **(05 marks)**

Nouns	achiever, employer
Verbs	create, hate, violate
Adjectives	cultural, harmful, eldest
Adverbs	briefly, seriously

- I. ....
- II. ....
- III. ....
- IV. ....
- V. ....

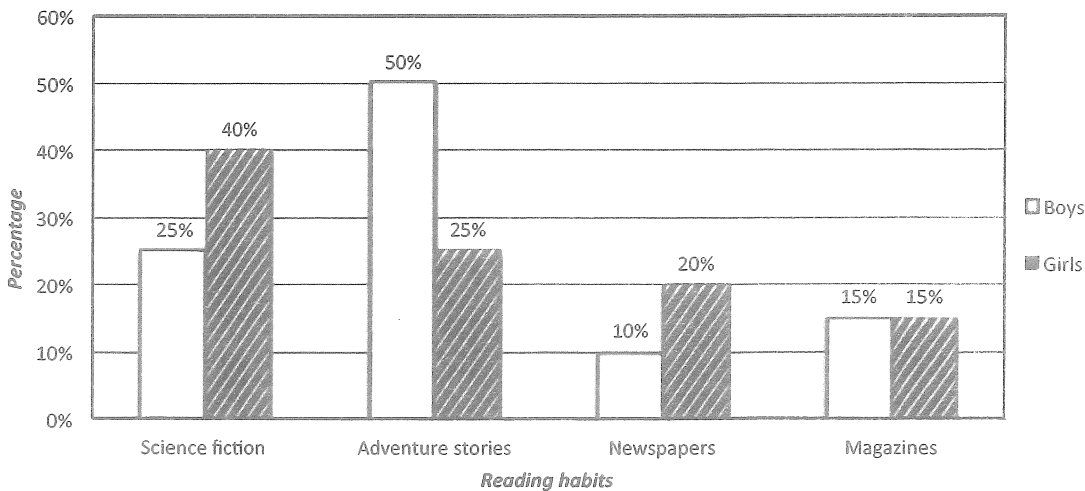
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**Question 10**

The bar chart below shows the reading habits of students in Jayadeva Maha Vidyalaya, Kurunegala in the year 2019. Describe the information by reporting the main features and making comparisons where relevant. Use about **75 words**. **(10 marks)**

**Students' reading habits in Jayadeva Maha Vidyalaya, Kurunegala in the year 2019**



- .....
- .....
- .....
- .....
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**Question 12**

Your school, Rajasingham Maha Vidyalaya in Vavuniya, is organizing the Annual Sports Day. The organizing committee has decided to invite Mr. Kumar Sangakkara, the former cricket captain to deliver a talk on this day. As the secretary of sports committee, write a letter, inviting him. Use about **75-100** words. Do not exceed this word limit. **(15 marks)**

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