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Index No. General English I Three hours only

Important
♦ Answer all questions.

Part A - Grammar (40 Marks)

01) Fill in each blank with a suitable word from the following. Use a word only once. (1 x 5 = 05 marks)

each, every, all, much, many

- 1) We (1) were delighted when we heard the news.
- 2) We had to answer (2).....question on a new page.
- 3) There was a representative from (3).....country.
- 4) I had never seen so (4)bright stars in the sky.
- 5) It is important to understand why there is so (5).....violence in our world.

02) Fill in each blank with a suitable preposition from the list given below. (1 x 10 = 10 marks)

for | into | of | away | with | out | at | towards | under | to

George was a good swimmer and he hesitated (1)..... only a moment. Taking off his coat he dived (2)..... the river. The Icy water almost took his breath (3)....., but in a matter of seconds he reached the boy. "Don't panic", he said as he caught hold (4)..... him. "Just relax and I'll soon get you out of the water."

But the boy began to struggle and shout something (5)..... him. George could not make (6)..... his words." Don't panic", he said again and started (7)..... swim towards the bank, dragging the boy (8)..... him. But at the moment he noticed a large motor boat

(9)..... the bridge. There were several people on board, all looking in his direction. George decided to swim (10) the boat.

03) Underline the correct pronouns. (1 x 5 = 05 marks)

- 1) I really enjoyed..... (me, myself, mine)
- 2) Their house is much bigger than (our, ours, my)
- 3) That dog has hurt (it's, its, their) leg.
- 4) Don't help me, I want to do it(my, I, myself).
- 5) We are having.....(ours, us, our) holiday in April.

04) Fill in each blank with the correct form of the verb given in brackets. (1 x 10 = 10 marks)

Mr. Shivam is a clerk. He (1)(work) in Colombo. One day he got up in the morning and (2) (look) at his watch. The watch (3)(stop). Then he dressed quickly and went to the station but the train (4).....(leave). So he went by bus that day. He was late for work.

There was a letter on his table. He (5)(write) it to the bank. He had forgotten to sign it. So it (6).....(send) back to him. Mr. Shivam got very angry. He (7)(look) for a shop to have a cup of tea. Luckily, he found a canteen. He rushed to it. When he looked for his purse to get the money he found it was missing. Just then only he remembered that he (8).....(forget) to bring his purse. Mr. Shivam grew still more angry with himself. He (9).....(mutter) thinking of his wife. He managed to reach home submerging his anger. But his wife was not at home. She (10).....(go) to see the doctor. Their son had fallen and hurt himself. It was a terrible Friday for Mr. Shivam.

05) Combine the following pairs of sentences using a suitable conjunction from those given in brackets. (1 x 5 = 05 marks)

- 1) I like the job. It is badly paid. (because / if/ even though)
- 2) It would be nice. We had enough money. (unless / if/ but)
- 3) I asked her. I could help. (but/ although/ if)
- 4) I will wash this dress. You can wear it. (even though/ so that/ but)
- 5) I had never been to Poland before. I bought a guide book. (as/ unless/ if)

06) Form questions to which the underlined parts of the following sentences provide answers.

(1 x 5 = 05 marks)

1) Linda lives with her parents.

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2) Kusum found the car keys.

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3) He will return from India next Friday.

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4) It is situated in Badulla.

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5) I want to meet Mr. Perera.

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Part B - Comprehension (20 Marks)

01) Of the options given below each sentences in bold print, underline the one that best expresses its meaning. (1 x 5 = 05 marks)

1) Asoka is too tired to work.

- a. Asoka cannot work any longer.
- b. Asoka should not go on working.
- c. Asoka has too much of work to do.

2) If Udeni had taken my advice, she would not have failed her examination.

- a. Udeni passed her examination.
- b. Udeni failed her examination.
- c. Udeni had taken my advice.

3) Our well may run dry in two or three weeks.

- a. Our well is overflowing with water.
- b. There is no water at all in our well.
- c. There is only a little water in our well.

4) Kalyani has been reading since eight o' clock.

- a. Kalyani is reading now.
- b. Kalyani is not reading now.
- c. Kalyani is going to start reading.

5) Not only Nimna but her brother can speak English well.

- a. Nimna, cannot speak English well.
- b. Nimna's brother speaks English well.
- c. Nimna and her brother speak English well.

02) Read the following Memo and do the activity that follow. (1 x 5 = 05 marks)

Memo

To: All staff
From: Mr. Lakshman Perera
Re: Mr. Rajathurai Chithambaram

As many of you know, Mr. Rajathurai Chithambaram will be leaving us at the end of the month after ten years faithful service in the Accounts Department. If you have not already given money for a present, please do so. May I suggest that two to five thousand rupees would be appropriate? Also, ideas for suitable party would be welcome. Suitable ideas to me, please.

Write True or False beside each sentence in the space provided.

- 1) Mr. Lakshman Perera is leaving the Accounts Department. (.....)
- 2) Mr. Rajathurai Chithambaram has worked for the same company for ten years.
(.....)
- 3) Nobody has given any money for a present yet. (.....)
- 4) A party for Mr. Rajathurai Chitambaram has not been arranged yet. (.....)
- 5) Mr. Rajathurai Chithambaram has left the Accounts Department. (.....)

03) Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow. (2 x 5 = 10 marks)

Song

A widow bird sate mourning for her love
upon a wintry bough,
The frozen wind crept on above,
The freezing stream below.

There was no leaf upon the forest bare,
No flower upon the ground,
And little motion in the air,
Except the mill- wheel's sounds.

P.B.Shelley

- 1) Why is the bird called - " widow bird "?

- 2) What season is it?
- 3) What are the two moving things mentioned in the first verse?
- 4) How is the forest described in this poem?
- 5) What is the only sound that could be heard clearly by the poet?

Part C - Summarizing (10 marks)

- 01) Write a summary of the following text. You may use any number of sentences but do not use more than thirty (30) words. Write only one word in each cage. (06 marks)

After dinner, Mary set the glasses on the table and Mr. Robert drank. He drank a great deal. Mary sang. Then she sat by him and talked to him. I brought my books. She looked into them, and she helped me with my work. I seem to see her now with her calm, quiet manner. I seem to hear her calm and peaceful voice as I write these words, and the goodness which she brought to me comes back again. I feel that there is goodness and peace and truth wherever Mary is.

- 02) Write a summary of the following text. You may use any number of sentences but do not use more than twenty (20) words. Write only one word in each cage. (04 marks)

Once upon a time there was an old Tamil merchant. His name was Thangaraja. He had a very beautiful Arab horse, and he wanted to sell it. This horse could not run faster than any other horse in the country. But the merchant wanted to sell it for three hundred pieces of gold. No one could pay this.

Part D - Writing (30 marks)

Answer all the questions.

01. The English Literary Union of your school has decided to organize a Drama Festival in order to collect money and assist the differently abled people in the immediate vicinity of your school. As the secretary of the Association, write a notice to be displayed in your school notice board, requesting all the students' participation to make this event a success. Use about 40 words.

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02. You are the secretary of your Community Library. Write a letter to a bookshop asking them to donate some books. Use about 100 words. (10 marks)

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