

# English Language

Grade 08

Mid Year Examination - 2015

Time: 02½ Hours

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● **Answer all the questions on paper itself.**

01 Read the following paragraph and fill in the blanks with the most suitable words given in the box.

her / their / they / them / him

Hashini and Ramal studied in the same school. Two of (1) ..... met after a long time since (2) ..... school days. (3) ..... talked about their school life for more than two hours. Later Hashini requested (4) ..... to have lunch with (5) ..... (05 marks)

02 Read the following notice and answer the questions given below.

**Notice**  
**Social Service Association**  
**Vijaya Maha Vidyalaya**

The Annual General Meeting of the association will be held at 1.00 p.m. on Thursday, the 30th of July 2015 in the main hall. All members are kindly requested to be present.

Jagath De Silva  
Secretary.

20th July 2015.

- (1) What is the notice about ? .....
  - (2) When is the meeting ? .....
  - (3) What is the venue ? .....
  - (4) At what time is the meeting ? .....
  - (5) What is the name of the secretary ? .....
- (05 marks)

03 Complete these sentences by writing the suitable adverbs from the box.

smartly / fiercely / heartily / angrily / heavily

- (1) The angry elephant rushed ..... at the crowd.
- (2) The rain fell ..... ; so we all ran under the tree.
- (3) The soldier marched ..... at the Independence Day celebrations.
- (4) The children laughed ..... at their teacher's jokes.
- (5) The guard dog barked at the thieves ..... and they ran away.

(05 marks)

04 Look at the following picture and write five sentences on it.

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



(10 marks)

05 Combine the following pairs of sentences using who or which.

(1) Miss Sunitha is a nurse. She looked after my mother at the ward.

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(2) Mr. Jayasingha is a mediaman. He reported the event to the BBC.

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(3) Have you seen the purse ? I kept it on the table.

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(4) There is a policeman. He arrested the thief.

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(5) My mother has a sister. She is a teacher.

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(10 marks)

06 Turn the following sentences into Passive Voice.

(1) She sings English songs well.

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(2) Amali collected some new fashions for the exhibition.

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(3) Gamil watered the vegetable beds.

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(4) Our teacher will do a new lesson tomorrow.

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(5) The stranger asks the directions to find the post office.

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(10 marks)

- 07 You are the Secretary of the Nature Club of Vidura Maha Vidyalaya. You have planned a Tree Planting Campaign in the school garden. Write a notice to inform this for the members of the club. Give place, date and time. (10 marks)

- 08 You are the librarian of your class library. Write five instructions you would give your fellow students to protect the books.

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

(10 marks)

- 09 Complete the following sentences using the correct form of the adjective given in the bracket.

- (1) Pidurutalagala is the ..... mountain in Sri Lanka. (high)
- (2) Maya won the ..... singer award at the Talent Show. (good)
- (3) Mahaweli river is ..... than the Kelani river. (long)
- (4) Rose is ..... than the temple flower. (beautiful)
- (5) Mathematics is ..... subject for me. (difficult)

(05 marks)

- 10 Read the passage below and answer the questions.

We each throw away about 100 dustbins of rubbish every year. This includes glass bottles, tin cans and paper. We then buy new thing that have taken an enormous amount of energy to make.

It takes much less energy to recycle objects than to make brand new ones. Recycling aluminum cans for example takes twenty times less energy than making new ones. A lot of this rubbish could be used again by recycling. This saves energy and cuts down the number of trees and other raw materials we use.

- (1) Name some types of rubbish we throw away.

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