

English Language - I

Grade 10

Mid Year Examination - 2015

Time: 01 Hour

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● Answer all the questions on paper itself.

01 Match the statements with the pictures.



(1)

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(a) An apple a day keeps the doctor away.

(b) What a sweet teacher you are to treat us like this.

(c) Little children can do wonders when they are given tasty dishes.

(d) Fast - food sometimes cause stomach aches.

(e) Intelligent mother always selects the best for her children.

(05 marks)

02 Complete the following parts of conversation using the phases given in the box.

by all means / believe me / for heaven's sake / not really / actually

Gayan : Tell me what (1) happened during my absence ?

Kumar : (2) , nothing so special.

Gayan : Do you like Indian teledramas now go on through particular channel ?

Kumar : (3)

Gayan : May I borrow your vacuum cleaner ?

Kumar : (4)

Gayan : (5) use it carefully, brushes may come off.

(05 marks)

03 This is a leaflet issued by the School Native Club. Complete the statements using the given prepositions. You can use one more than once.

Let's keep our environment healthy and attractive. Join us to make your garden green and clean.

- (1) We'll be there in your area on the 18th July.
- (2) Ready your garden us to plant a valuable plant for the future of your child.
- (3) Selected young and sound plants bread fruit, mango and avocado and many other varieties.
- (4) Free issues home gardens.
- (5) Enjoy the shades and beauty the green umbrella throughout your life.

for / of / to

(05 marks)

04 Look at the following picture and write five sentences.

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



(05 marks)

05 Read the following telephone conversation and complete the blanks. Use the phrases given in the box.

- * you have to prepare your own meals
- * a night at the camp
- * to get permission from Wild Life Department
- * Nature club of Horana Maha Vidyalaya
- * Can I help you ?

Receptionist : Good morning ! Sinharaja camp office. Can I help you ?

Secretary : Can I speak to Mr. Silva, officer - in - charge of the camp site ?

Receptionist : Just a minute, I'll put you through.

Mr. Silva : Hello ! Good morning (1)

Secretary : Hello sir, I'm the secretary of the (2)
 We have decided to spend
 (3) Can I get
 some information about the camp sir ?

Mr. Silva : Yes, of course. First of all, you need (4)

Secretary : Sir, will you provide us with lunch ?

Mr. Silva : Sorry, (5)

(Secretary : O.K. Sir, thank you. (05 marks)

06 Write a paragraph of about 50 words on **one** of the given topics below.

- (1) A tree speaks. (2) I am a helpful child of my parents.

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07 Read the story and answer the questions given below. (05 marks)

Once two cats were fighting over a piece of cake. A monkey saw them. He said he would divide the cake equally between them. He brought a weighing scale and broke the cake into two. He put one piece on each side. The monkey was very clever. He had kept one piece bigger than the other. He took away a small portion from the bigger piece and quickly ate it up. He did this again and again till the cake was finished. The cats were left hungry.

- (1) Why were the cats fighting with each other?

(2) Who came to settle the fight ?.....

(3) What did the monkey do ?

(4) Why were the cats left hungry ?

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(5) Was the monkey intelligent or cunning ?

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(05 marks)

08 Your friend has invited you to join him on a trip this weekend. But you are unable to join him/her because you have to get ready for the term test. Write a note to him/her. Include the followings.

* Thank him for the invitation.

* Explain your inability.

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

09 Underline the most suitable word in the brackets.







It is very valuable when there are some (1) (awareness / aware / unaware) programmes about dengue fever which (2) (have / has / having) become severe (3) (threat / threaten, threatened) to life of general public (4) (through / threw / throughout) the country. A good (5) (decide / decision / decided) should be taken soon. (05 marks)

10 Read the following passage. In each line, word is incorrect and it is underlined. Write the correct word in the space provided.

How you are going to school is (1) deciding by the (2) distant. When you (3) lives so (4) closing to the school (5) why you study, you may (6) certain go (7) at foot. If you are (8) way from the school it is (9) good to travel (10) on bus than walking.

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| (1) | (6) |
| (2) | (7) |
| (3) | (8) |
| (4) | (9) |
| (5) | (10) |

11 Write the following sayings in reported speech. (05 marks)

- (1)  I help my parents.
She says that she helps her parents.
- (2)  I do not go by train.
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- (3)  Our friends meet us.
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- (4)  I do my homework myself.
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- (5)  I am reading a book.
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- (6)  My car broke down.
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- (05 marks)

12 Read the following poem and do the activity below.

My house is red	My little basket,	I have a tree
A little house	I will take	A green tree
A happy child am I	And trip into the town	To shade me from the sun
Laugh and play	When next I'm there,	And under it - I often sit
With the live long day	I'll buy some cake	When all my work is done
I hardly even cry	And spend my brown,	
	Halfpenny crown	

This happy child has a (1) red house. He always leads a (2) life, and he never (3) His (4) tree shades him from the (5) This happy child often (6) under this shady tree, when he finished all his (7) He goes to town with his little (8) and buys some (9) for his (10) which is very old.

13 Read the following paragraph on "Internet" and fill in the missing words from the box given below. (05 marks)

can / many / access / and / provide / been / users / convenient / search / negative

With the advent of the Internet, life has (1) made easier with quick access to information (2) the number of tasks that (3) be performed online. But is it only (4) or are there any (5) effects associated with its use ?

Undoubtedly the internet has (6) positive effects as Internet (7) engines have advanced to (8) quick information retrieval systems providing (9) to any kind of information for internet (10) within a very short time. (05 marks)

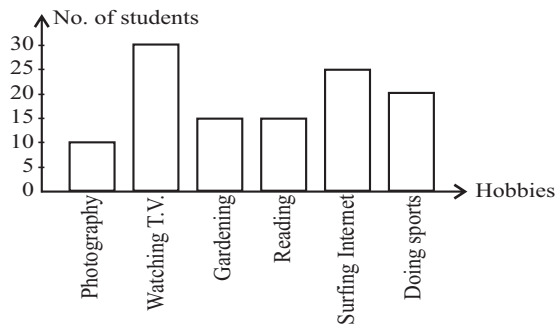
14 As a student who travels to school by bus. you face a regular problem with the poor bus service in your area. Write an official letter to the Depot Manager of the Transport Board requesting to take an immediate action. Use the following guide lines. Use about 100 words.

- * The difficulties faced by the students and other daily commuters.
- * Mention the time buses needed.
- * Request an immediate remedy.

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The following graph shows the hobbies the students engage in. Study the graph and write a description about it. The following words will help you. Use about 100 words.

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15 Read the following text and answer the questions. (10 marks)

We had an enormous apple tree in our garden only a few yards from the kitchen window.

"We really must cut that tree down", my husband said. Soon after we moved into the house. "I'm sure it's dangerous."

"Don't be silly" I said. I quite liked the tree myself. "It's quite safe. It isn't goin to fall sown on the house !." "Well, I read something in the paper only the other day", he said. "A tree crashed into a woman's bedroom during a storm. She was going to get rid of the tree - and now she's in hospital !"

In the end, after several arguments of this kind, we asked a couple of workmen to come along and cut the tree down. It was not an easy job. In fact it took them all morning. But at last the tree was lying on the ground.

"What about the roots ?" the men asked. "Shall we take them out too or leave them ?"

Oh, take them out," I said. "Let's make a good job of it !" This took all afternoon and I was beginning to think about the size of the bill ! There was a big hole in the garden ! "You'll be able to put all your old rubbish in there!" the men said as they left.

My husband climbed down into the hole and began to look around.

"Hey, look !" he called up to me. "There are someold coins here! And I think they're gold!

I climbed down into the hole and we started to dig around, hoping to find some more coins. We did - and we also found a small metal box. We broke it open. It was full of jewellery, rings, necklaces, and bracelets !

"Gosh ! " I said, "I suppose someone hid these things in the ground - perhaps during a war !"

"They are probably worth a small fortune !" my husband said. "Well, aren't you glad now that you got rid of that old tree ?"

(1) Why did the man want to get rid of the apple tree ?

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(2) Does the wife agree to cut down the tree ?

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(3) What did the man find in the big hole ?

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(4) Later, the man and his wife found a box. The things in the box were,

(a) valuable

(b) important

(c) useful

(5) Find the similar meaning for the words from the text.

(a) removed - (b) very big -

(c) do it very well

(d) things you do not want

16 Write on one of the following. Use about 200 words.

(10 marks)

(a) Write a speech you are going to make at a debate on the topic "Reading is a better pastime than watching television."

(b) Write an article on the advantages and disadvantages of using internet.

(c) Write a folk tale you have heard.

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