



General English I

Grade 13

2 1/2 hours

Name :

Class :

- **Answer all the questions.**

PART A - GRAMMAR (40 marks)

01) Fill in each blank with a suitable word from the list given below. Use each word only once. [10 marks]

would, of, after, according to, out for , on , for , along , to , at

It was already late when we set the next town which the map was about fifteen miles away the otherside the hills. There we felt sure we find a bed the night. Darkness fell soon..... we left the village. Luckily we met no one as we drove swiftlythe narrow winding road that ledthe hills. As we climbed higher , it became colder and rain began to fall , making it difficult..... times to see the road. I asked Bonney, my companion to drive carefully.

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

- I.) A : " You (1)..... (get) a parking ticket if you leave your car there sir. If you (2).....(stay) the night , you (3).....(have to) put it in the hotel garage."

B : " All right. I (4).....(move) it as soon as I (5).....(arrange) a room."

- II.) A : " Jack (1).....(be) ready in a moment. He (2).....
just.....(finish) breakfast.

B : " If I wait for him any longer, I (3).....(miss) my train. I think I
(4).....(walk) on, he (5).....probably.....(catch) me up.

03. Construct questions to get the word in bold print as answers. [05 marks]

1. At last, there were **seven people** to attend the funeral.

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2. Bandara visits his old parents **every fortnight**.

.....?

3. **Roshan Ravindra** won the best actor award in the festival.

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4. Geetha usually spent most afternoons **in her garden**.

.....?

5. Kanishka will leave the country **for his higher education**.

.....?

04. Fill in each blank with a suitable word from the list given below.

[15 marks]

development	exploitation	resources	urbanized	country	Canadians
imagination	dwellers	coasts	technologically	wilderness	economy
influence	environment	livelihood			

The lure of the land

Canada has become a highly (1), industrialized and (2) oriented (3)..... . But the land, lakes, rivers and sea (4)..... continue to (5)..... the lives of most (6)..... and to provide many of them with their (7)..... . Canada possesses rich and vast natural (8).....which are significant in the Canadian (9)..... . Their (10), as in the far north, can be a spark both to the economy and the (11)..... . Such (12)..... can also raise concerns for protecting the natural (13)..... . Most Canadians like to think, even when they are city apartment (14)....., that their (15)..... is close at hand.

PART B – COMPREHENSION (20 marks)

01) Read the following text and do the activities that follow.

[10 marks]

The World Health Organization has warned that immediate action is required to combat a tidal wave of cancer that will sweep the globe in the next 20 years. The number of new cancer cases worldwide in a single year will rise by 70 percent from 14.1 million in 2012 to 24 million in 2035. The future global burden of cancer will increasingly shift to poorer countries but half of all world cancers are now preventable with existing medical knowledge and expertise . Annual deaths from cancer will almost double in the same time period from 8.2 million to 14.6 million. Dr. Bernard Stewart from the University of New South Wales in Australia has said that modifications to human behaviour such as reducing alcohol consumption would play a crucial role in combating cancer.

Smoking is responsible for around 20 percent of all cancers globally and lung cancers are the most common form of cancer in the world, accounting for 13 per cent of all cases and 19 per cent of all cancer deaths. According to Dr. Wilde, the rise of cancer worldwide is a major obstacle to human development and well being. These new figures and projections send a strong signal that immediate action is needed to comfort this human disaster.

The island - 7.2.2014

(1) Write whether the following sentence is **True** or **False** in the space provided.

According to the text, the present medicine available in the world is capable of combating all cancer cases.

(.....)

(2) Write one word from the passage which means the same as the given phrase.

estimates of trends

(3) To which of the following does the figure 14.6 million refer ? **Underline.**

- (a) Annual deaths due to cancer in 2035.
- (b) Increase of annual deaths due to lung cancer
- (c) Cancer deaths in 2012.

(4) Write the two factors mentioned in the text that can cause cancer.

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(5) Complete the following sentences using the information given in the text. **Do not use more than two words.**

Cancer is becoming a critical problem especially for people in of the world.

02. Read the following advertisement and do the activities that follow.

[10 marks]

**RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS FOR CCCLINE 13333
FREE TELEPHONE COUNSELLING SERVICE**

CCCLine is a toll free telephone counseling service, providing emotional support to anyone who is facing a difficulty and would like to speak to a professional for support .

We are now recruiting volunteers to support our effort and would like to hear from you if you fulfill the below mentioned criteria, and can dedicate some time to help another in need.

- Being a courageous , compassionate and committed individual.
- Willingness to volunteer on a shift basis between 09.00 a.m. - 09.00 p.m. (3 shifts per day as 09.00 a.m. - 01.00 p.m., 01.00 p.m. - 05.00 p.m. and 05.00 p.m. - 09.00 p.m.)
- Open to listen to a person who needs emotional support.
- Residing close to Colombo.
- Ability to communicate both in Sinhala and Tamil would be an added advantage.

Come and join to volunteer with us!
Tel : 011 - 2739810 (Monday - Friday 09.00 a.m. - 05.00 p.m.)
Send your CV to : cccfoundation1333@gmail.com
On or before 05th September 2016
An initiative of the CCC Foundation

(1) Write short answers to the following questions.

(a) What is the purpose of the CCCLine 1333 ?

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(b) Write the name of the organization that has started the CCCLine 1333 service.

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(2) Based on the information in the text, Write **True** or **False** in the space provided beside each sentence.

(a) People who call CCCLine 1333 will be charged for the call .(.....)

(b) Selected applicants will be paid an allowance . (.....)

(3) Write one word from the passage which means the same as the given word.

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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**. If you exceed the word limit, you will not get any marks for this summary. Write only **one word in each cage**. (03 marks)

Last week Suman went out to lunch with his friend Gamini. Gamini was very fat and liked good food - and a lot of it. They sat at the table in a hotel. The waiter brought a tray full of things. After a big meal they had ice cream sundae and drank some coffee. "We really must go now, Gamini," Suman said, " We have been here for nearly three hours. It's ten to four".

" What do you mean ?" asked Gamini in surprise. "We can't leave now. It's time for tea ! "

02. Write a **summary** of the following text. You may **use any number of sentences** but **do not use more than fifty (50) words**. If you **exceed the word limit** you **will not get any marks** for this summary. Write only one word in each cage

(07 marks)

Henry Ford was the first person to build cars which were cheap, strong and fast. He was able to sell millions of models because he 'mass-produced' them; that is , he made great many cars of exactly the same type. Ford's father hoped that his son would become a farmer like him, but the young man did not like the idea and he went to Detroit where he worked as a mechanic. By the age of 29, in 1892, he had built his first car. However, the first 'mass-produced' car in the world, the famous 'Model T', did not appear until 1908 - five years after Ford had started his great Motor Company. This car proved to be so popular that it remained unchanged for twenty years. Since Ford's time, mass-production methods have become common in industry and have reduced the price of many articles which would otherwise be very expensive.

PART D – WRITING (30 marks)

Answer both questions.

01. Imagine it rained heavily in your village causing a lot of damage to several houses, paddy - fields and the main road. Write a letter to a friend, describing what happened and what you and the other people in the village did. Use about 125 - 150 words. Do not exceed this word limit.

[15 Marks]

02. You are the secretary of Social Service Association of your school. The Association has decided to conduct a special programme at " Home for the Blind" in Panadura. You have heard that the Ministry of Social Services and Social Welfare extends support to conduct such programmes. Write a letter to the Secretary of the Ministry requesting for funds.

Your letter should include the following ;

- What the special programme is
- When and where the programme will be conducted.
- Why you hope to conduct it
- How you plan to help the blind with your funds.

[15 Marks]



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Part A - Vocabulary (30 marks)

01) Use any five of the following words in sentences to bring out their meanings. You may use the verbs in any tense.

[10 marks]

particularly, gradually, celebrate, precious, rare, industrious, hardly, eligible, exactly, deviate

i)

ii)

iii)

iv)

v)

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02) Underline the correct word ending selecting from those given in brackets **(05 marks)**

1. I am in this position today because of the guid(e / ing / ance) given by my parents.
2. My friend is interest(ing / ed / ingly) in reading detective stories.
3. Union leaders have called for the partici.....(pation / pate / pating) of all members in the May Day rally.
4. His suit(able /ability / ably) to this important post is questionable.
5. That he escaped with such minor injuries in this accident is a mira.....(culous, culously, cle).

03. Underline the most appropriate word from those given in brackets.

[05 marks]

1. This information will be(informed / communicated / said) to the relevant person.
2. The(venue / situation / place) of the conference will be the auditorium.
3. The Minister's confidential(secretary / friend / wife) is on leave today.
4. The manager alleged to have swindled the company was sent on compulsory(holiday / vacation / leave).
5. After finishing her household(chores / painting / cooking) my mother watched TV.

04. Give the meaning of the words in bold print as they appear in the text.

[05 marks]

It is a mistake to **regard** English as a relic of foreign domination. English is now as **vital** as computer science, which seems to be everyone's favourite subject in school these days.

Having **laboured** for 19 years to teach English as a second language, who knows better than I what hopes and fears **underprivileged** children harbour ?

I have taught children who sometimes had just one uniform to wear and had no electricity in their homes. They were **malnourished** and could hardly afford fees. Yet they were being sent to private schools by parents who could ill afford to do so simply because of the higher level of English they felt was being taught in these schools . Alternately a **wealthy** parent entered his daughter into such a school just to give her a final polish in English.

Academic achievement was of **minimal** value, but English was everyone's **prime** consideration.

All languages die **eventually**, But English is in a **unique** position of being a language that one out of 15 people in the world speaks. English is the language of every conceivable science. It is language number one at the UNO. Anyone who does not speak it is deprived, think many leading scholars.

- (1) regard :.....
- (2) vital :.....
- (3) laboured :.....
- (4) underprivileged :.....
- (5) malnourished :.....
- (6) wealthy :.....
- (7) minimal :.....
- (8) prime :.....
- (9) eventually :.....
- (10) unique :.....

Part B – Dialogues (20 marks)

01. Imagine that you need to meet a doctor at a private hospital and you are not sure how to channel a doctor. Complete the dialogue you would have to get an appointment. [10 marks]

You :1.?

Receptionist: Yes, this is the Union Hospital.

You :2.?

Receptionist: Yes, We have an E.N.T. specialist. He's Mr. Warnakula.

You :3.?

Receptionist : He's usually here on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

You : 4.?

Receptionist : From 6.00 to 8.00 pm.

You :5.?

Receptionist :Seven hundred and fifty for an appointment. We issue tickets from morning.

You : 6.?

Receptionist : Yes, That's fine. When you pay the money. I'll give a ticket.

You :7.?

Receptionist :No. He's very punctual.

You :8.?

Receptionist : Our hospital is just opposite the main bus stand. you can't miss it.

You : 9.

Receptionist : You're welcome.

You : 10.!

02. You are working for an American company which has its Head Office in New York.

You are the assistant to the Chairman in the Sri Lankan Office. The marketing Director from the Head Office will be visiting Sri Lanka with his family at the end of August, 2016. Your boss wants you to get the marketing Director's travel plan and details.

Write the telephone conversation that would take place between you and the Marketing Director's Secretary in order to obtain information regarding the visit.

[10 marks]

Part C – Comprehension (30 marks)

01. Read the following passage and answer all the questions given below. [20 marks]

- Puppets are toys which have movable parts that can be controlled by a puppeteer. There are three main kinds of puppets. They are the hand puppet, the rod puppet, and the marionette. A hand puppet is made of cloth. The movement of a hand puppet is controlled by putting the puppeteer's hand inside the puppet. The puppeteer then **hides** below the stage while controlling the doll's movements. The movement of a rod puppet is also controlled from below the stage. Instead of having the puppeteer's hand inside it, the puppet has strong wires passing through it. The puppeteer then controls the movements of the puppet by moving the wire rods. Unlike the other two types of puppets, a marionette is controlled from above the stage by strings. An ordinary marionette has nine strings while others have as many as twenty-seven strings. This is to enable all the movements of the puppets to be carried out smoothly.

Puppets have been around since ancient times. In the middle ages, they were used to act out religious dramas. Later these puppets were used as a form of **entertainment**, mostly to retell old legends to children.

Shadow puppet shows are found mostly in Eastern Asia. They were first started in China and later became popular in Java and Bali. The Chinese shadow puppet shows are said to have dated back to the Qing Dynasty. The shadow puppet show is a form of worship for the Chinese. It is their way of calling up the spirits of dead. These puppets are flat figures. When a strong light is cast on a puppet, its shadow is reflected on a screen behind it. The audience watches the shadows of the puppets made on the screen.

The puppets of the Qing dynasty were made of paper. Unlike those puppets, the modern Chinese shadow puppets are relatively **complicated** to make. Ox hide is used to make puppets. The leather is pressed very thin until it becomes translucent. Then it is carved and painted. To have greater flexibility in movement, each part of the puppet is made separately. Then each part is joined with wire. Bamboo sticks are **attached** to these parts for **manipulation** by the puppeteers. Usually, there are at least three sticks attached to each puppet.

Japan has a very interesting thirty-year old puppet theatre called Jaruri. The puppets in this theatre are almost life sized. There is a full set of scenery for the stage. There are usually three puppeteers on stage with the puppets. One is dressed in a ceremonial robe, while the other two are hooded. They hold up the puppets and work them by pulling the small wires and levers which are cleverly concealed.

a) What are puppets?

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b) Explain how a hand puppet can be operated?

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c) What are the strings on the marionette used for?

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d) Where can shadow puppet shows commonly be found?

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e) What is the screen used for in the shadow puppet show?

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f) What was the shadow puppet originally used for in ancient China?

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g) Why do the makers of puppets in China go through so much of work to make a puppet?

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h) What is the name of the famous old puppet theatre in Japan?

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i) How are the life sized puppets operated?

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j) Explain the meanings of the following words as they are used in bold print in the passage.

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|-------------------------|---|-------|
| 1. hides | : | |
| 2. entertainment | : | |
| 3. complicated | : | |
| 4. attached | : | |
| 5. manipulation | : | |

k) Say whether the following statements are true or false.

1. Puppets have emerged recently to act out religious dramas

2. The puppets in Jaruri theatre are life - sized.

l) Find similar words from the paragraph for the following.

1. comparatively

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2. cut into or shaped

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.....

3. relating to or used for formal functions -

.....

02. Read the following text and do the activities that follow.

(10 marks)

Do we know if the food we consume is free of germs which can cause over 200 diseases ranging from diarrhoea to cancer? Every year diarrhoea caused by contaminated food and water kills 2.2 million people, including 1.9 million children globally. Unsafe food kills an estimated 700,000 children in South East Asia every year.

Food safety is critical for public health as food-borne diseases affect people's health and well being. Unsafe food creates a vicious cycle of disease and malnutrition, particularly affecting infants, young children, the elderly and the sick. Food borne diseases impede socio-economic development, by straining health care systems and adversely impacting national economies, tourism and trade. Since food passes through multiple hands from the farm to reach our plates, ensuring food safety requires multi-sectoral collaboration. The approach needs to be preventive to improve food safety and quality through application of good farming practices by using agro chemicals or veterinary drugs only in the prescribed amount. Good storage, transportation, retail and restaurant practices are equally important to make food safe.

Street foods are emerging as an important source of food for a large proportion of the population in urban and peri-urban settings. Street food as a source of food-borne diseases, therefore, assumes public health significance.

Countries need to have a comprehensive food safety policy, legislation and national food safety programmes encompassing all the sectors and aspects for food safety. Enforcement of food safety policies in the region remains a challenge. Food quality and safety standards are usually strictly followed for exportable food commodities, but not always enforced for food destined for the domestic market. Food safety and quality should be ensured through stringent control and inspection mechanisms for export as well as the domestic market.

Adapted from the Sunday Times - 5.4.2015

(1) Write short answers to the following questions.

(a) How many children are killed due to unhygienic food and water in South-East Asia annually?

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(b) What good farming practices can contribute towards food safety?

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(2) Based on the information in the text, write **True** or **False** in the space provided beside each sentence.

(a) Consumption of unsafe food and water kills 2.2 million people and 1.9 million children all over the world annually.

(.....)

(b) Farmers alone are not responsible for ensuring food safety.

(.....)

(c) South East Asian countries enforce equally strict food safety standards both for export and domestic use.

(.....)

(3) Complete the following sentences using the information given in the text. Do not write more than three words in each blank.

(a) Care must be given to food safely as people's health is affected bydiseases.

(b) There are over 200 diseases such as diarrhoea and cancer due to in the food we consume.

(4) Write one word for each of the given blanks selecting from the passage, which means the same as the given words / phrases.

(a) Polluted / infected with disease carrying substances

(b) decisive / crucial

(c) hinder / obstruct

Part D

Writing (20 marks)

01) Write a paragraph beginning with the given sentence. Use about 75 - 100 words. Do not exceed the word limit. (05 marks)

Natural disasters occur due to human activities

02) You have been asked to write a report on the library of your section by the Deputy Principal of your College. Include the following in your report. (Use about 150 words) (15 marks)

i) Available library facilities at present.

ii) About the library materials.

iii) Details of reference and lending facilities.

iv) Suggestions to improve the facilities to the maximum.