



**Devi Balika Vidyalaya – Colombo 8**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Term Test - 2016**

**English Language - I**

**Grade - 10**

**Time : 2 hrs.**

Name : .....

**Test - 1**

- Fill in the blanks with a suitable preposition from the given list below. There is one preposition extra. The first one is done for you. (05 marks)

“Let’s go camping next month” said father. There is a state park (1) at Green Lake. It’s (2) ..... Flower Road. We can rent a tent there.” “Fine” said mother. “I think that camping (3) ..... December is fun. What shall we take ? Some cheese and a loaf (4) ..... bread. What’s about sausages?” “No, we’ll go fishing” son suggested. “We can roast fish (5) ..... a fire. Let’s wake (6) ..... early and go fishing.”

(Of, off, in, over, up, at, above)

**Test - 2**

- Complete the following dialogue. Use the words / phrases given in the box. The first one is done for you. (5 marks)

A : You know my uncle came from London yesterday.  
 B : Really ! I can remember him with a (1) long beard  
 A : Yes. But no beard any more. He is (2) ..... Now. This is his recent photograph !  
 A : Oh god ! What happened to his (3) ..... ?  
 B : It was messy all the time so he preferred (4) .....  
 A : He looks very young. He must be a (5) ..... man now.  
 B : Yes. He looks young due to his sharp features with ..... and .....

Long wavy hair

Sharp eyes

Middle-aged

Straight hair

Pointed nose

Nicely shaven

**Test - 3**

- Write the following in reported speech (10 marks)

(1) Rohan said, "I'm living in London."

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(2) Malithi said, "I don't know what Ann is doing."

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(3) Anura said, "you can come and stay with me."

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(4) Mala said, "I'll tell Kamal that I saw you."

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(5) My friend said, "My father isn't very well."

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**Test - 4**

- Rewrite these sentences using collective nouns for the underlined phrases. (5 marks)

a) The people who work there in my sister's office are very nice.

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b) She brought three flowers to me.

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c) We saw a large number of people at the cinema.

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d) Five cows were given to her as her dowry.

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e) The Titanic drowned with the workers on the ship.

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(bunch, crew, herd, crowd, team)

hugues-brown

open board

Test - 5

- Read the following paragraph. In each line one word is incorrect and it is underlined. Write the correct word in the space provided. (5 marks)

Among all of my leisure activities, I likes to do keep pets. I enjoy keeping pets as it keeps my mind happily. Keeping pets give me satisfaction and keeps me occupation. But, my mother don't like me keeping pets because she thinks that I am neglect my school work by engage too much into my hobby. Earlier I was fascinate by keeping small animals but now it is my please to have big animals at home.

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Test - 6

- Read the following passage and answer the question given below.(10 marks)

Sometimes you have days where everything goes wrong. Yesterday was such a day. I went to visit my friend, as I had wanted to see him. Even though I went early, he had already left his house. "Where did he go" I asked his mother. "I think he went to see you" the mother replied. I couldn't phone him because last week he had dropped his phone and it was not working. Despite his mother telling me to wait, I decided to go back home. I ran to the bus halt but the bus had already left. There was no bus for another two hours, so I walked home. When I got there, my mother said "what a pity. Your friend was here and had just left before you came."

(1) Why did the narrator not meet his friend?

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(2) Why couldn't he call him?

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(3) What did the mother tell him to do?

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(4) Did he get to meet the friend finally?

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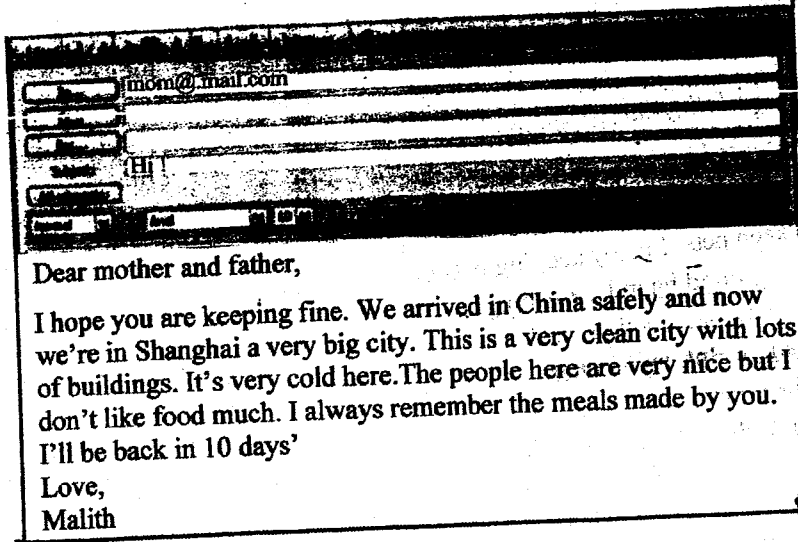
(5) Why did the narrator walk home?

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**Test - 7**

(10marks)

- Read the following e-mail and write a reply.



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**Test - 8**

- Look at the picture given below and write 5 sentences what you think is happening (5marks)

Ex: A letter is being delivered.



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- 2) .....
- 3) .....
- 4) .....
- 5) .....



**Test -11**

- Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.(15marks)

I am one of the many city people who are always saying that given the choice we would prefer to live in the country away from the dirt and noise of a large city. I have managed to convince myself that if I weren't for my job I would immediately head out for the open spaces and go back to nature in it some sleepy village buried in the country. But how realistic is this dream?

Cities can be frightening places. The majority of the population lives in massive tower-blocks, noisy, squalid and impersonal. The sense of belonging to a community tends to disappear when you live fifteen floors up. All you can see from your window is sky, or other blocks of flats. Children become aggressive and nervous – cooped up at home all day, with nowhere to play, their mothers feel isolated from the rest of the world. Strangely enough, where as in the past the inhabitants of one street all knew each other. Nowadays people on the same floor in tower blocks don't even say hello to each other.

Country life, on the other hand, differs from this kind of isolated existence in that a sense of community generally binds the inhabitants of small villages together. People have the advantage of knowing that there is always someone to turn to when they need help. But country life has advantages too. While it is true that you may be among friends in a village, it is also true that you are cut off from the exciting and important events that take place in the cities. There's a little possibility of going to a new show or the latest movie. Shopping becomes a major problem and for anything slightly out of the ordinary for the country is often oppressed by a sense of unbearable stillness and quiet.

1. What makes the writer live in the city? Write the sentence to prove your answer (2marks)

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2. What is the dream the writer is talking about, at the end of the first paragraph?(2marks)

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3. Does he think it's a practical dream? (1mark)

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4. Where does the majority of the population live in the city? (2 marks)

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5. How do the children in the city behave? (2 marks)

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6. How do their mothers feel ? (1 marks)

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7. Give two advantages and three disadvantages of living in the country? (5 marks)

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**Test – 12**

• Write on the one of the followings. Use about 200 words.(15 marks)

1. “Social media should be banned” Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper expressing your ideas.

2. Write an article to your school magazine making an appeal to the students of your school to stop destroying nature. Mentions the following points in your essay.

- Put garbage everywhere
- Kill wild animals and birds
- Cut down trees for timber and firewood

3. Write an essay on the following topic  
“Invention of wheel is the turning point in modern modes of transportation.”

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