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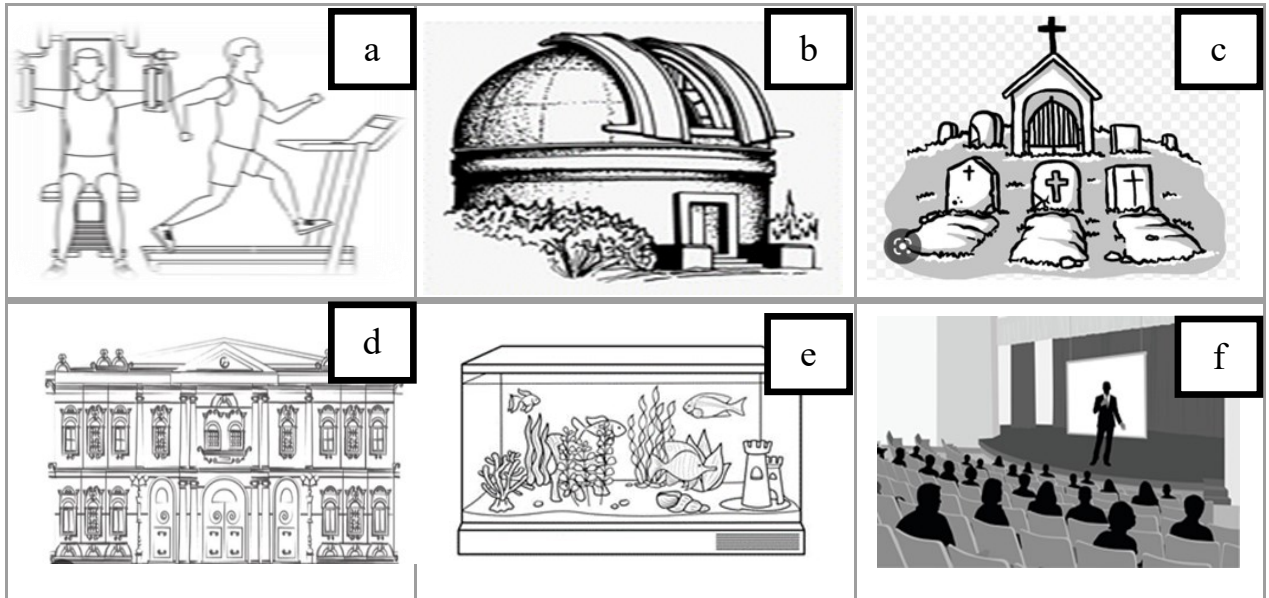
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English Language - I **Time: 1 Hour**

Instructions
ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS ON THIS PAPER ITSELF

Test 1

Match the following pictures with the names of the places given below. Write the letter of the most suitable picture in the box given against each place. The first one is done for you.



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|-----------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| (1) Museum | (.d.) | (2) Auditorium | (...) |
| (3) Aquarium | (...) | (4) Gymnasium. | (...) |
| (5) Planetarium | (...) | (6) Cemetery | (...) |

(1X5=5 Marks)

Test 2

Fill in the blanks in the following dialogue using the words given in the box. Write the letter of the correct word in the space given. The first one is done for you.

Shop keeper: Good morning, can I help you?

Renuka: Yes, please. I am looking for a (1)e.....

Shop keeper: How about the sleeves? Long or short?

Renuka: A long sleeved cotton blouse please.

Shop keeper: How about this (2) one? This is the latest design.

Renuka: It looks nice.

Shop keeper: What (3) do you wear?

Renuka: Small. Can I try it on?

Shop keeper: Of course. The (4) is at the corner.

Renuka: This is too tight. Have you got a (5) size?

Shop keeper: Why not? Here you are.

Renuka: Oh. Thankyou. What is the (6)?

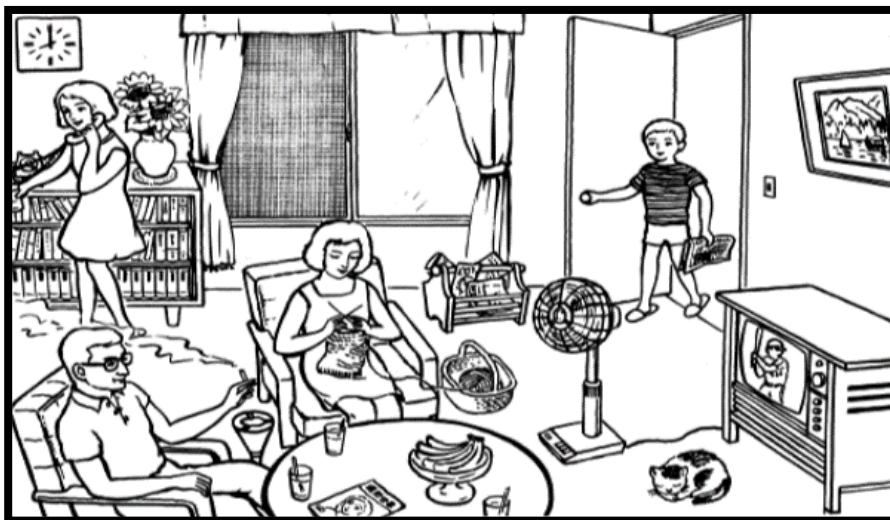
Shop keeper: Only 850 Rupees.

- a) fitting room
- (b) size
- (c) medium
- (d) price
- (e) blouse
- (f) yellow

(1X5=5)

Test 3

Study the picture and fill in the blanks using the words given in the box. Write the letter of the correct word in the blank .The first one is done for you.



- (a) knitting.
- (b) cricket
- (c) phone
- (d) clock
- (e) newspapers
- (f) spectacles
- (g) cat
- (h) living room
- (i) wall
- (j) bananas
- (k) daughter

This picture shows a family at home. This is a (1)h ... There is a mother, a father, a (2) and a son in the picture. The father is watching a (3) match. He is wearing a pair of (4)The mother is (5)The son is entering the house with some (6) in his hand. The daughter is talking over the (7) A (8)is sleeping in front of the television. There are some (9) on the table. There is a picture hanging on the (10) There is also a (11)on the wall.

(10X1/2 = 5 Marks)

Test 4

Fill in the blanks in the following dialogue using the words given in the box. The first one is done for you.

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Riyaz: Hey, Chandra! You seem to be tired. Why?

Chandru: Oh! Both my parents left home (1)at..... 4 o’ clock early in the morning.

Riyaz: Wait! Today is Sunday! Do they go to work (2)the weekend too?

Chandru: No, they had to go to see my Grandfather who is (3) Kandy.

Riyaz: What’s wrong with him?

Chandru: He’s had a fall last night.

Riyaz: Oh! I’m sorry.

Chandru: I have to take care (4) everything at home.

Riyaz: Don’t worry. I’ll help you. Put these plates (5) the sink. I’ll wash them.

Chandru: Thank you. I’ll prepare a cup of tea (6) you.

Riyaz: Oh! It’s very kind of you.

(1X5=5)

Test 5

Read the text and complete the table given below. The first one is done for you.

The Eiffel Tower

The Eiffel Tower is world famous. It gets millions of tourists every year. However it is getting old. It is 133 years old. Engineers found it full of rust. They mentioned it as ‘The Eiffel in a poor state’. The tower needs many repairs. If it is not repaired, it might not be safe. Its designer, Gustave Eiffel, would be sad if he saw it today. The construction was completed in 1888. Then the Eiffel Tower was opened in 1889. It was built for the 1889 World’s Fair in Paris. It contains 10,100 Tons of iron. It was built just for 20 years. The French government decided to keep it .The Tower is being repainted for the 2024 Olympics. Engineers say new paint will not make the rust go away.

1.	Age of Eiffel Tower	(i) 133 years.
2.	Name of the designer of Eiffel Tower	(ii)
3.	How the engineers remarked its condition	(iii)
4.	The year and the place of the World’s Fair held	(iv) (v)
5.	It is made of	(vi)

(1X5=5 Marks)

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Test 9

Read the text and underline the most suitable word given within brackets.

Several districts in Sri Lanka have experienced a severe drought for the past several months. As a result

(1) (a) agricultural (b) agriculture (c) agriculturalist and livestock have been affected badly. This has affected not only our country but (2) (a) most (b) more (c) mostly of the South Asian countries too. The biggest (3) (a) risky (b) risk (c) riskily has been to the Maldives. Even Sri Lankans are now aware of the negative effects of climate change after repeated (4) (a) exposure (b) expose (c) exposed to drought and floods. However, the local media should create more (5) (a) aware (b) unaware (c) awareness programmes on climate change in all three languages and how they should react to respond to future disasters. School children will gain an (6) (a) understand (b) understandable (c) understanding on climate change when it is introduced into the school curricula.

(1X5=5Marks)

Test-10

Read the following text and fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb given in the brackets.

Cyclones are quite unusual for Sri Lanka, but the sixties, contrary to the norm, saw cyclones threatening to the life style of people in the island, especially those who lived in the eastern coast. In 1964, a cyclone

(1) (sweep) past the district of Ampara, (2) (rip) the roofs of houses and causing many other damages. Then again in 1966 and 1967 gale force winds (3) (hit) the town of Trincomalee and Batticaloa, washing away fishing nets and canoes. A massive cyclone (4) (attack) the east coast in 1978. It (5) (leave) thousands of families homeless.

(1X5= 5 Marks)

Test 11

Fill in the blanks with the words given in the box. There is one extra word.

Books, copying, feather, send, rich, secret, and, songs,
 read took there, unless, used, wanted, was

For a long time, writing was done on leaves of plants, linen or skins of animals. A reed or a (1) was cut to a point and (2) as a pen. People wanted to (3)..... messages to their friends and they (4) to write down their thoughts, their (5) and their stories. So, books began. (6) were in long pieces which rolled up (7)were tied together with a thread. (8) was only one copy of each book (9) the writer made another by carefully (10) it out, word by word. This, of course, (11) a very long time, and only (12) people could afford to buy books. Paper (13) first made by Chinese but its (14) was not learned by other countries until many hundreds of years later.

(1/2 X 14=7)

Test 12

Fill in the blanks using the most appropriate form of the verb given within brackets.

Once, Honour, Fire and Water started on a journey to find new things and new places. After some time, they(1) (realize) that they liked to see different things. “We (2)(travel) together for a long time, but we might go in different ways. We must make a plan to find each other.” Fire said. The others agreed and (3) (begin) to make the plan. Fire said that they could always (4)(find) him by his smoke. Water told them to look for signs like green vegetation. But Honour apologetically said, “You have to keep me with you all the time. If you lose me once, you (5) (not able) to find me again.

(1X5=5)

Test 13

Read the following poem and answer the questions.

THERE ARE FOUR CHAIRS ROUND THE TABLE

There are four chairs round the table,
 Where we sit down for our tea.
 But now we only set places
 For Mum, for Terry and me.

We don't chatter anymore
 About what we did in the day,
 Terry and I eat quickly,
 Then we both go out to play.

Mum doesn't smile like she used to.
 Often, she just sits and sighs,
 Sometimes, I know from the smudges,
 That while we are out she cries.

-John Foster.

1. How many members are there in this family now?

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2. Who may be Terry?

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3. Write the line which says that no one speaks to each other?

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4. When does the mother cry?

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5. Underlie the correct statement.

- (a) There were four members in this family.
- (b) The mother has three children.
- (c) The mother seems to be happy.

(1X5=5)

Test 14

(a) Recently your school has celebrated the annual English Language day. Write a letter to your friend telling

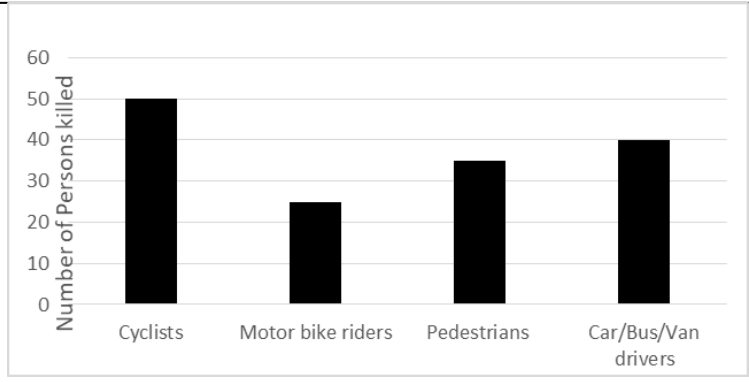
how it was celebrated successfully. You may use the following.

- When you celebrated.
- Name some events.
- Which events you participated in.
- How you enjoyed.

Or

(b) The following bar chart shows the number of road accidents occurred in 2021 in Sri Lanka. Study the graph and write a description about it. Use about 100 words. The following words/ phrases will help you.

More than, less than, maximum, minimum, increase, decrease, most least.



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(10 Marks)

Test 15**Read the following text and complete the tasks given below.**

Some years ago, our class teacher decided to start a school newspaper and get as many students as possible to take on the job of producing it and parents, too. She felt the newspaper would help them learn more about school life, through articles on this like sports achievements and arts projects, which not all students know about if they're not taking part. Students took the whole thing very seriously and we now have a prize-winning newspaper!

Some of my friends joined the newspaper team immediately and enjoyed it. I'd always loved creative writing and drawing cartoons, which I thought would be perfect in the newspapers, so I signed up. My dad, who's a journalist, was pleased – he thought that even though I wasn't keen on a job like his, the newspaper would be a great opportunity for me. And he was right, I loved it!

Dad often came along to give advice, which was popular with the students. It was difficult sometimes, if he was busy, but he learned a lot about the school that way.

My first job was writing a report about a sports event, a writing style I'd never attempted before. But Dad reminded me it was similar in some ways to writing a story – getting information in the right order. Once I'd understood that, there was no stopping me – and after my first effort, I developed quite a professional style, which was brilliant. Sometimes the team couldn't use what I'd written, or my cartoons, for whatever reason, but I didn't mind. And sometimes it was hard to finish stuff on time, But I usually got there.

I'm now one of the editors, we decide what goes into the newspaper, so our names no longer appear in print. And it's stressful sometimes as we don't have much time, but we try to manage that properly. We also correct mistakes in people's articles, which we all had to get used to, but we were soon doing it without thinking and in our own schoolwork, too. I still put off calling people outside school for comments on stuff, but I guess it's all good experience – at least, that's what Dad says!

1. State whether the following statements are True or False by putting a tick (✓) in the relevant Column.

No	Statements	True	False
1.	Our sports teacher decided to start a school newspaper.		
2.	She wanted students' and parents' assistance to start the newspaper.		
3.	Dad often gave advice		
4.	My first job was writing a report about environment		
5.	My name was not appeared in the newspaper as I was the Editor.		
6.	I had to work during the school hours only.		

(1/2 x 6 = 03 marks)

2. Write a word or phrase from the first paragraph closest in meaning to each phrase given below.

a. Participate -

b. Reward -

(1X2=02 Marks)

3. Write the sentence which says that the writer loved his job.

.....
(01 mark)

4. When ‘the writer’ first started working on the newspaper, he was

- a. disappointed b. unhappy c. pleased d. worried

(01 mark)

5. Underline the most suitable title for the given text.

- a. Our school newspaper b. Our class teacher c. Friends.

(01 mark)

(Total=8 marks)

Test 16

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

(a) Write an article to your school magazine on ‘Responsibilities of a good citizen of Sri Lanka’. Use the guidelines given below.

- Who a good citizen is.
- State what his or her characteristics are.
- Show the importance of good citizens to our country.

(b) A speech you would make at the morning assembly on ‘How to solve the unemployment problem’.

Include

- Reasons for unemployment in the country.
- Impact of unemployment in the country.
- Your solutions.

(c) Write an essay on ‘Save plants that save us’. Include the following.

- why we should save plants
- how we should save plants
- how plants save us.

(d) A friend of yours meets you at the super market. You both start a conversation on difficulties in getting fresh, organic fruits and vegetables nowadays. Imagine how they would have shared their opinions.

Complete the dialogue they had between them.

You: Hallo! Niroshi! What a surprise to see you !

Niroshi: Oh! Anupa! I’ve come here to buy some fresh fruits and vegetables.

You:

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(15 Marks)