

Minuwangoda Education Zone

First Term Evaluation - 2018

General English - I

Grade 13

Time: 3 Hours

Part A - Grammar

I. Fill in each blank in this text with a preposition from the list below.

(on , into , along , behind , after , against , out , under , over , at)

Two little boys were playing marbles 1) a large tree. While a girl was watching them leaning 2) a fence. All of a sudden two boys who were hiding 3) the tree came 4) and took away the marbles , jumped 5) the fence and started running 6) the road. The girl shouted 7) the boys and started running 8) them and finally caught them an they tried to run 9) a shop. 10) the top of the road.

(½ x 10 = 5 marks)

II. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the pronoun given in brackets.

10th October

Dear Mr. Peter,

Thank you for 1) (you) letter. I ‘ m sorry to hear you are having problems with the flat. I can’t solve 2) (they) all. Of course , but I will try to be helpful.

You liked the furniture when you moved in. You told 3) (I) so. But now you have changed 4) (you) mind. I’ m sorry I can’t help you there. I agree that the flat can be cold in winter. I lived there 5) (I) for twenty years. I always used electric fires . I hope you will do the same. Sorry , I can ‘t come and inspect the house personally.

sincerely

John Devan

(1 x 5 = 5 marks)

III. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb given within brackets.

There was a sudden noise in the dressing room. We could hear people 1)..... (hit) each other. The commotion increased as if a pack of bulls 2)(battle) backstage, we heard 3)(shout). The women 4)(spring) up in alarm and some of the men surrounded them as if to protect them . There 5)..... (be) a crash of furniture and a man with an open wound came 6)(rush) out.

The actors 7) (fight) each other! They are read desperadoes – they won't shop till someone 8) (get) killed.
 "Run ! Run for your lives." He 9) (disappear) into the darkness.
 Everybody followed him. Some of the women 10)(scream). We too ran with the others. We stopped only half a mile away.

(1 x 10 = marks)

IV. Construct questions to get the underlined words as answers. Use the question words given in box.

When , Who , How many , How much , how long

- 1) We learn Five subjects in school.
?
- 2) He will come back home at the end of this month.
?
- 3) That book costs Rs. 500/-
?
- 4) Dr . Gunawardena has been working in Japan for two years.
?
- 5) The provincial Director of Education participated in the function.
?

(5 marks)

V. Complete the following sentences by putting the words/ phrases in the correct order , to make a meaningful sentence.

- 1) Pandith W.D. Amaradewa

 (eminent / numerous / vocalist / awards / is / has / an / who / Sri Lanka / received)
- 2) An ambulance

 (driver / hospital / to / arrives / takes / bus / the / and / the)
- 3) I admire

 (because / very much / hard working / very / is / he)
- 4) There are

 (something / qualities / and / many / that / important / are / traits / accomplish / to / personality)
- 5) His passion

 (was / practical / to / faced /by / problems / in life / ordinary / to / Sri Lanka / find / solutions)

(10 marks)

VI. Combine the following pairs of sentences using a suitable conjunction given in brackets.

- 1) I like the mobile. I decided not to buy it. (because , as , although)
.....
.....
- 2) The hotel was crowded. We found a room. (because , if , although)
.....
.....
- 3) We will not play the Match . The weather is fine. (unless , and , if)
.....
.....
- 4) I read a book. I was waiting at the bus station. (as well as , beside , while)
.....
.....
- 5) The teacher entered the classroom. The children stopped shouting. (unless / as soon as / if)
.....
.....

(5 marks)

Part B - Comprehension

I. Of the option given below each sentence in bold print underline the one that best expresses its meaning.

1. Besides Anupama there were two others in the labouratory.

- a) Two persons were sitting by Anupama's side
- b) Two persons were sitting on either side of anupama
- c) Anupama and two others were in the labouratory.
- d) There were three others in the labouratory except Anupama

2. If I know about the camera ,I would repair it myself.

- a) I repair the camera myself
- b) I don't know enough about the camera So I can't repair it.
- c) I know enough about camera ,So I could repair it myself.
- d) I didn't repair the camera myself although I knew enough about it.

3. Not a single magazine was left unsold.

- a) Not a single person bought any magazine
- b) The magazines were all sold out.
- c) Only a single magazine was not sold.
- d) Only a single magazine was sold.

4. Mala no longer works here.

- a) Mala did not work here for a long time.
- b) Mala has been working here for a long time .
- c) Mala does not work here now.
- d) Mala worked here long time ago.

5. **It was too dark for me to read the paper.**
- a) Although it was dark I read the paper.
 - b) I couldn't read the paper since there was not enough night.
 - c) It was dark , but I read the paper.
 - d) I read the paper until it got dark.

(5 marks)

URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Always Among People

Janapiyasa Public Mobile Service
Organized to Mark the 40th Anniversary Of
The Urban Development Authority.
October 15th 2018 from 9.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m
At Urban Development Authority Premises
In New town , Rathapura.

With the patronage of Hon . Patali Champika Ranawaka
Minister of Mega polis and Western Development.

II. Read the notice above and answer the questions in brief

- a) Why does Janapiyasa organize a Public mobile Service?
.....
- b) What is the venue of the event?
.....
- c) Who is the patron of the event?
.....
- d) What is the duration of the event?
.....
- e) What is the motto of the Urban Development Authority?
.....

(5 marks)

III. Read the following Pome and answer the given questions

I lag in sorrow , in deep distress
My grief a proud man heard
His looks were cold he gave me gold
But not a kindly word.

My sorrow passed - I paid him back
The gold he gave to me.
Then stood erect and spoke my t hanks.
And blessed his charity.

I lay in want and grief and pain.
A poor man passed my way.
He bound my head, he gave me bread
He watched me night and day
How shall I pay him back again

How shall I pay him back again
For all did he to me?
Oh, gold is great, but greater far
Is heavenly sympathy

Vishesh Bohne

1. How did the proud man help the poet when he was in deep distress?
 - 1) He gave him jewels
 - 2) He took him home
 - 3) He gave some money
 - 4) He pitied the poet

2. What do you think the poet expected from the proud man?
 - 1) Money
 - 2) gold
 - 3) food
 - 4) sympathy

3. How did the poor man take care of the poet?
 - a) The poor man gave him some money and food.
 - b) The poor man gave him gold and kind words.
 - c) The poor man gave him food and took care of him day which was hurt.
 - d) The poor man took him home and bound his head which was hurt.

4. Which of the following statements is not true?
 - a) The poet repaid his debt to the proud man by taking him.
 - b) The poor man blessed the charity of the poet.
 - c) When the poet was in sorrow he was given money.
 - d) The poet says he cannot repay the poor man for his sympathy.

5. Which word in the poem means giving money to a person who is in need?
 - a) Charity
 - b) sympathy
 - c) kindness
 - d) Distress

IV. Read and decide. Did Tony (= the writer) enjoy his evening

It was my birthday last Thursday and I decided to celebrate it by inviting a few friends out to supper. I chose a restaurant in a quiet of town. It is one of my favourite restaurants because the food is good and the waiters are friendly. It is hardly ever crowded , however, because few people know about
5 it, so it is not usually necessary to book a table. In any case, Thursday is not a busy evening as a rule.

When we entered the restaurant, I was surprised, therefore, to find it completely full. I looked around – but not a single table was free. One of the Waiters recognized me. He came across and explained the situation. “ A party
10 of tourists came in about half an hour ago, ‘ he said. “It was like an invasion! Suddenly the place was full! We can hardly manage! “

The waiter then pointed to a table in the corner. “The people there are just about to leave,” he said. “Just hold on and you’ll find a place there.” He was right. Fifteen minutes later, the people at the corner table paid their bill,
15 got up and left. I led my friends across and we all sat down.

Unfortunately, our table was almost out of sing. We tried to attract the attention of the waiter who sent us there but he, like all the other waiters, was busy with the party of tourists They ordered enormous quantities of food. But as last, nearly an our later, the tourists were finishing their meal and
20 looking very pleased with life. The waiter, now very tired, appeared at our table . I advised my friends about the best dishes and finally the waiter went off with our order.

A few moments later he came back to our table. We could tell from his face that he had bad news for us. Full of apologies, he informed us that there
25 was no meat or fish left. “All we can offer you” , he said,” is an omelet!”

Write true or false (T\F) beside each sentences in the apace provided

- a) The writer selected q busy town to celebrate his birth day (.....)
- b) The restaurant is always crowed (.....)
- c) The writer couldn't' attract the attention of the waiters easily (.....)

Find a similar word from the the passage to the following words.

- a) Amount
- b) Make it a happy vacation

(5 marks)

Part C - Summarizing

- **Write a summary of each of the following two texts. Do not write more than fifty (50) 1 word for each summary . Write only one word in each cage.**

- 1) I was not more than thirteen years old at the time, certainly, but I remember the moment as if were yesterday. I had just taken my place in class, when I noticed a small shining coin a few feet away from my desk. I am sure it was not the desire for gain which prompted me

to stop and pick it up , for the coin was a farthing and almost completely worthless. But its newness attracted me, and the fact that I could not spend a coin of such small value, made me want to keep it forever. As the teacher was talking to us I pretended to drop a pencil and bent over from the moment , the coin was mine.

The farthing and I remained firm friend for years. Trousers wore out , but the coin survived. It lived to see short trousers become long ones ; it accompanied in my youth and early manhood. It joined the army with me during the war, later came to the office every day

(5 marks)

- 2) The journey two naval officers made sometime ago to the very deepest point on the earth makes us realize how much of the world still remains to be explored. The two man went down seven miles to the bottom of the pacific Ocean inside a small steel ball called a “ bathyscaphe” to find out if there are any ocean currents or signs of life. Above the ball there was a special tank full of petrol which was slowly emptied into the water to make the bathyscaphe heavy enough to complete its journey.

It was necessary to set out early , so that the bathyscaphe would come to the surface in daylight , and so be easily found by the mother ship which would be waiting for it. The divers began preparations at dawn and soon afterwards. When all was ready , the steel ball disappeared under the surface of the water.

(5 marks)

Part D - Writing

- 1) Imagine that you have followed a computer course and a friend of yours has sent you a letter asking the details of the course. Reply him / her giving all the necessary details. (use about 150 words)

(10 marks)

- 2) The road to your village is in a poor state. During the rainy seasons the road is impassable. Write a letter to the chairman of your Pradeshiya sabha requesting him to take necessary actions to repair road.

(15 marks)

Question Marks				
Part A	I	$\frac{1}{2} \times 10$	5	40
	II		5	
	III		10	
	IV		5	
	V		10	
	VI		5	
Part B	I		5	25
	II		5	
	III		10	
	IV		5	
Part C	I		5	10
	II		5	
Part D	I		10	25
	II		15	

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Part A - Vocabulary

I. Underline the correct word ending selecting from those given in brackets.

- 1) People are naturally anxi (ety / ously / ous) about these tests.
- 2) Lila felt very apprehend (sion / ded / sive) about his visit.
- 3) We visited several archaeology (ically / y / cal) sites.
- 4) Evening meals are available by arrang (ing / ed / ment)
- 5) Lila has been running the company with the assist (ing / ant / ance) of his son.

II. Read the following text and give the meanings of the words in bold type (underlined) as they appeared in the text.

The “Aeneid“ is a legendary 1) narrative about the imagined 2) origin of the Roman nation. It is as epic pome. An epic is a long narrative poem, full of action, which tells about human life and makes us 3) wonder about the relationship between man and gods. The main characters in epics are heroes. Very often epics show 4) clashes between heroes and gods.

The “Aeneid “ tells of the Trojan prince who was said to have 5) escaped during the suck of Troy and sailed, with other Trojans, to the west coast of Italy where they 6) founded early Rome. The epic describes the many 7) trials they had to face before they finally arrived at their 8) destiny.

This story is 9) significant for the role the gods take in men's 10) affairs.

- I. narrative
- II. origin
- III. wonder
- IV. clashes
- V. escaped
- VI. founded
- VII. trials
- VIII. destiny
- IX. significant
- X. affairs

III. Select any five words from the list and write a meaningful sentences. You may use the verb in any tense and you use plural form of the nouns. But do change the form of the other words.

achieve , urban , acceptance , believe
action, announcement , overcome

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

IV. In the following sentences underline the most suitable word from those given in brackets.

- 1) I would like to (make ,do , take) this opportunity to thank the organizers.
- 2) Unpunctuality will (do ,make ,take) a bad impression.
- 3) Soldiers were called into (swell , quell , smell) the riots.
- 4) She (cast ,looked , noticed) a hurried glance at the clock.
- 5) Finally the Director of Education (rewarded , presented , forwarded) the medals to the winners.

Part B - Dialogues

I. How do you respond in each of the following situations.

- 1) You would like to see an exhibition, this weekend. You suggests this idea to a friend of yours
Let's
- 2) In an interview for selecting a machine operator a member of the interview Board asks an applicant to give a self introduction
Could you please
- 3) You politely refuse a request Made by your boss to come to work on Sunday
I'm sorry
- A doctor advises a diabetic patient not to eat too much sugar
You
- You seek permission to speak to your teacher While she is having a discussion with the principal.
Excuse me

II. You bought an iron from a shop two days ago. After taking it home you switched the iron on ,but it did not work properly. The following is the dialogue that takes place between you and the shop keeper. Complete your part of the dialogue.

Customer :

Shop keeper : Do you have the receipt and the warranty card ?

Customer :

Shop keeper : O. K. Now please tell me what exactly is the problem?

Customer :

Shop keeper : So , Is the problem the length of time it takes to heat up.

Customer :

Shop keeper : I see there seems to be a loose connection . Why don't you bring the iron, We 'll replace it.

Customer :

Shop keeper : Yes , certainly , sorry for the faulty iron. Dorn' t worry. We' ll replace it tomorrow.

Customer :

Shop keeper : You are welcome.

III. You want to consult a general physician at Navaloka Hospitals , Colombo. You are telephoning the receptionist. The Following is the dialogue that takes place you and the receptionist. Complete your part in the dialogue

Receptionist : Good morning ,Navaloka Hospitals. Can I help you?

You :

Receptionist : (respond appropriately)

Receptionist : May I know who is speaking please ?

You :

(Introduce your self and mention the day)

Receptionist : Yes , Mrs. Malani, Wednesday is all right , but it will have to be in the afternoon Dr. Kularathna will come here at 4.00 'clock. You will have to be here by 3.30 P .m.

You :

(ask whether you can do all the test there)

Receptionist : Yes of course. You can get all the tests done here itself.

Part C - Comprehension

- **Read the following text and do the activities that follow.**

I. After 21 years of marriage, my wife wanted me to take another woman out to dinner and a movie. She said "I love you but I know this other woman loves-you and would love to spend sometime with you."

The other woman that my wife wanted me to visit was my mother, who had been a widow for 19 years but the demands of my work and my three children had made it possible to visit her only occasionally.

That night called to invite her to go out for dinner at a movie. "What's wrong, are you well"? She asked. My mother was the type of woman who suspected that a late night call or surprise invitation was a sign of bad news. "I thought that it would be pleasant to be with you" I responded. Just the two of us." She thought about it for a moment, and then said, "I would like that very much".

That Friday after work, as I drove over to pick her up I was a bit nervous. When I arrived her house,

I noticed that she, too seemed to be nervous about our date. She waited in the door with her coat on. She had curled her hair and was wearing the dress that she had worn to celebrate her last wedding anniversary. She smiled from a face that was as radiant as an angel's.

"I told my friends that I was going to go out with my son, and they were impressed, " she said, as she got into the car. "They can't wait to hear about our meeting." We went to a restaurant that, although not elegant was very nice and cosy. My mother took my arm as if she was the first Lady., After we sat down I had to read the menu. Half way through the entries, I lifted my eyes and saw my mother sitting there staring at me a nostalgic smile was on her lips. "It was I who used to have to read the menu when you were snail'. she said." Then it's time that you relax and let me return the favour", I responded.

During the dinner, we had an agreeable conversation - nothing extraordinary, but catching up on recent events of each other's life. We talked so much that we missed the movie.

As we arrived at her house late, she said go out with you again, but only if you let me invite you". I agreed.

"How was your dinner date?" asked my wife when I got home. "Very nice. Much more so than I could have imagined." I answered.

A few days later, my mother died of a massive heart attack. It happened so suddenly that I could not do anything for her.

Sometime later, I received an envelope with a copy of a restaurant receipt from the same place mother and I had dined. An attached-note said. "I paid this bill in advance, I wasn't sure that I could be there; but nevertheless, I paid for two plates one for you and other for your wife. You will never know what that night meant for me. I love you son."

At that moment, I understood the importance of saying in time; "I love you" and to give your loved ones the time that they deserve. Nothing in life is more important than your family. Give them the time they deserve because these things -cannot be put off till 'some other time". A successful relationship requires falling in love many times - with the same person.

01. Fill in the blanks in the following passage. Using the information in the above text. Do not use more than three words in each blank.

(24 marks)

My (i) once requested me to accompany my mother to dinner and a (ii) My (iii) had died 19 years ago. But my work and the responsibility of my (iv) children prevented me to visit (v) frequently.

My mother was very happy to hear my invitation. She had told (vi) about our meeting. She was wearing the dress she had worn on the day of her (vii) My mother and I had dinner at a (viii) We had good conversation there. We talked so much that we missed (ix) At the end, She said that she would like to dine with me again if only I let her invite me. We agreed to meet again. A few days later, I received a message of the (x) of my mother. After, sometime, I received a message from the (xi) where we had dined together, saying that my mother had paid a bill in advance for two plates - for me and for (xii) She had attached a note expressing her gratefulness for making her extremely happy that night.

02. Who or what the underlined words refer to?

- (i) They -
- (ii) her -

03. Answer the following questions.

- (i) Why did mother ask "What's wrong?" as soon as she heard the invitation of her son to go out for dinner?
.....
- (ii) According to your opinion did the mother consider meeting her son very special ? Why?
.....

04. Write one word for each blank selecting from the passage, which means the same as each of the given phrases.

- (i) reached somewhere -
- (ii) looking very bright and happy -

