

MATUGAMA EDUCATION ZONE
SECOND TERM TEST -2019
General English –Paper I
Time –Three Hours

PART A – GRAMMAR (40 Marks)

- I. Fill in each blanks with a suitable preposition from the list given below. Use each preposition only once. There is one extra preposition.

(05 marks)

(after, to, in, near, towards, from)

Two policemen were there 1. the road doing their duty of controlling traffic. Sometimes, they check a few suspicious vehicles also. They advise and warn the careless drivers. They saw a cyclist coming 2. the junction. They gave the signal 3. a motorist who came 4. that direction to stop. But, the cyclist did not obey them and rode without stopping. Others were 5. much bewilderment why he did so.

- II. Fill in each blank with the correct form of the pronoun given in brackets.

(05 marks)

It was the last day of the school. All of 1. (we) were feeling sad. We said “Good bye!” to 2. (we) teachers and thanked 3. (they) for what 4. (they) had done for us. 5. (I) eyes were full of tears as I left the premises.

- III. Fill in each blank with the correct form the of the verb given in brackets.

(05 marks)

The annual general meeting of the English Debating Society of Mahanama College 1..... (hold) on the 20th of March 2018. The meeting 2. (preside) by the teacher-in-charge and 3. (hand) over to the newly appointed president to continue the proceedings. A new board of officials 4. (appoint). The minutes of the last meeting 5. (read) by the out going secretary.

The proposals for the new year 6. (forward) by the members of the society. It 7. (suggest) that the society should conduct all inter house debating tournaments annually. The suggestions 8. (note) down by the newly appointed secretary. The vote of thanks 9. (deliver) by the secretary and the students 10. (ask) to give their names to the teacher-in-charge.

IV. Combine the following pairs of sentences using suitable conjunctions from those given in brackets.

(10 marks)

- i. I would have fallen off the bus.
The conductor hadn't caught me. (if/ unless/ because)
.....
- ii. You send me a copy of the previous letter.
I will reply immediately. (although/ if/ so)
.....
- iii. Her income is not enough.
She helps her neighbours. (although/ if/ so)
.....
- iv. Today is a Poya day.
We are going to observe sil. (when/ after/since)
.....
- v. We can start the meeting.
The principal arrives. (as long as/ as soon as/ because)
.....

V. Fill in the blanks with a suitable word from the list given in the box. Use each word only once. There is one word extra.

(most, a , many , an , a lot , some) (05 marks)

It was 1.Sunday morning. I was reading 2. article about the environmental pollution. There were 3. important facts that I gathered from this article. 4. people are not bothered about the cleanliness of their surroundings.5.....of attention must be paid toward the environment . We must always keep it free of pollution.

VI. Construct questions to get the words underlined as answers. Use the question words given below. There is one word extra.

(where, why, who, when , how, what) (05 marks)

- i) The dog entered the house by pushing the kitchen door.
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- ii) Kasumi has gone to Canada to meet her brother.
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iii) The second term will commence on 22nd April.

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iv) Our principal accepts any challenge to develop the school.

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v) Mother prepares sweetmeats for the New Year.

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VII. Complete the following sentences by putting the words / phrases in brackets in the correct order to make meaningful sentence.

(05 marks)

i) Scientists.....

.....

(that / the sea level / have predicted / forty years / within the / next / will raise)

ii) Relationships.....

.....

(described / we share / as the connection with / can be / other people)

iii) Feeding.....

.....

(common / birds / and relaxing / is a / for many people / past time)

iv) A man.....

.....

(yesterday / to bribe / was arrested / for attempting / to change / a labor official / the records)

v) The new students.....

.....

(by their seniors / to the university / to welcome / are ragged / to teach and / their sub culture)

PART B – COMPREHENSION (20 Marks)

I. Of the options given below each sentence in bold print, underline the one that best express its meaning.

(05 marks)

- i) No sooner had the train arrived than the boys got it.
 - i. The boys were inside the train when it arrived.
 - ii. The train arrived soon and the boys get in.
 - iii. As soon as the train arrived, the boys get in.
 - iv. The boys were waiting for the train to get in.

- ii) The farmer didn't like a tractor, nor did his wife.
 - i. Farmer didn't like a tractor, but the wife liked.
 - ii. Farmer liked a tractor, but the wife didn't.
 - iii. Both farmer and wife didn't like a tractor.
 - iv. Both farmer and wife liked a tractor.

- iii) He didn't invite us to the party nevertheless we sent a gift.
 - i. We sent a gift but he didn't invite us.
 - ii. We sent a gift as he invited us.
 - iii. He didn't invite us as we don't send a gift.
 - iv. We didn't send a gift but he invited us.

- iv) It's Hesath who first told me that the meeting has been cancelled.
 - i. I knew that the meeting had been cancelled before Hesath told me.
 - ii. I didn't know that the meeting had been cancelled until Hesath told me.
 - iii. I told Hesath that the match had been cancelled when he asked me.
 - iv. Hesath knew that the match had been cancelled but he didn't tell me.

- v) In spite of the accident we reached home in time.
 - i. There was an accident, but we reached home in time.
 - ii. There was on an accident and we reached home in time.
 - iii. We didn't reached home in time because of the accident.
 - iv. We reached home in time, because of the accident.

II. Read the following advertisement and do the activities that follow. (05 marks)

Global Industrial PLC

Sale of used sewing machines

Offers are invited for the sale of following company owned and maintained sewing machines.

Machine Brand	Machine	Location
Zoyar Direct Drive	ZY 9000-D3	Global Industrial PLC Kandy
Zoyar Juki	ZY-A5-D3	GI-Showroom, Galle Rd, Ambalangoda.
Tajima	Type 2-Embroidery	GI Factory Store house, Malambe.

The above sewing machines could be inspected at the given address from the 5th of March to 15th of March,2019 during weekdays from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. excluding Fridays. Further details can also be obtained from the company web site.

General Manager,
Global Industrial PLC,
150, Main Street,
Kalutara.
Web: www.giplc.lk

1). Write **True** or **False** beside each sentence in the space provided.

I) The present owner of the machine ZY-9000-D3 is Global Industrial PLC. ()

II) An interested person can inspect the machines on Friday 7th March 2018 at 10.00 a.m. ()

2). Where is the Head Office of Global Industrial PLC?

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3). Do they sell brand new machines?

.....

4). Write the sentence or phrase to prove it.

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III. Read the following poem and do the activities that follow. (5 marks)

Everybody must have a leisure time activity
This is the idea of many
Acting enhances our creativity
Sometimes, some parts are funny

There are two aspects regarding acting
Some have the inborn talent
Don't forget there is a saying
For others, it is an achievement

Your role is to convey the message
Through words, actions and movements
This describes the life's passages
Audience may be with various comments

- i) Underline the correct answer.
 - i. A leisure time activity doesn't influence us.
 - ii. A leisure time activity is very important.
 - iii. Few people have a leisure time activity.

- ii) Name the two aspects regarding acting.
 - i.
 - ii.

- iii) What helps to convey the message?
.....

- iv) Write one word from the poem, which means the same.
Different

- v) Who or what does the following word refers to?
It -

IV. Read the following passage and do the activities that follow. (5 marks)

The fifth of June was world Environmental day. The hottest topic is discussed in connection with the environment was the 'Greenhouse' effect. Scientists say that in the last 100years, the global temperature has increased by more than ½ a degree Celsius. Due to this global warming, there have been droughts in the in the USA, China, India, Africa and Bangladesh. Some scientists have predicted that this could lead to a rise in the sea level.

Although climatologists have established global warming as a fact, the reasons have not been definitely proved. The most common cause that has been attributed to global warming is the omission of carbon dioxide from the burning of industrial coal, oil and petrol. Thus, over the years carbon dioxide in the earth's atmosphere has been gradually increasing. This increased level of carbon dioxide acts like the glass in a greenhouse; trapping the heat of the sun. It damages the ozone layer of our atmosphere.

Another factor that has been mentioned is the destruction and burning of forests. The world's rain forests are shrinking at a rapid rate. So, with fewer trees around, global warming has increased. It is necessary then to save trees. If it is not, at the rate of destruction there will be no rain forests left at the end of the 31st century.

- i. What was the main topic discussed on the world Environmental Day?
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- ii. According to the scientists what has happened to the global temperature?
.....
- iii. What is the most common reason for global warming?
.....
- iv. Say whether the following statements are true or false.
 - i. Droughts have become a threat to certain countries due to global warming. ()
 - ii. The heat of the sun damages the ozone layer of the atmosphere. ()

PART C – SUMMERISING (10 Marks)

- I. Write a summary of each of the following two texts. Do not use more than 50 words for each summary. If you exceed the word limit marks will be deducted. Write only one word in each cage.

(05× 02 =10 marks)

- 1) In the developing world, children actually create wealth. By the age of ten, perhaps they are busy working on the family's land, harvesting the crops and herding cattle or fishing. It is a sad fact that many children are also employed for long hours making carpets or doing other unskilled or repetitive tasks, but even the low wages they earn, increase the family's earning power. Much younger children perform useful tasks like gathering sticks and dry woods to burn or fetching water from the nearest well or stream for washing and drinking. These children do not want much to support as they sleep in the same room with their parents, they need very little food and wear cast off clothing. Perhaps one or two brighter or luckier ones may be sent to school and for good city jobs, and their education procures

them, and they are able to send money back to their family. Also in these societies where pensions or insurance or government welfare schemes are not usually available.

- 2) Polythene is an artificial polymer created by humans for the convenience of day to day activities. It's not degradable and therefore, it can cause immense harm to the environment. It has become an essential material for the productive activities at present. It has become popular due to its durability, light weight, shape, colour etc... After using the polythene, people dispose them carelessly without a second thought. Due to this careless throwing of polythene, it has become a threat to animal life; for example when polythene is thrown out roaming animals like cows, street dogs, goats chew them thinking it's food for them. Which in turn cause indigestion and leading the animal to death. Throwing polythene into water bodies creates an unsuitable environment to aquatic animals. When polythene is burnt it releases a harmful smoke which pollutes the air and causes respiratory problems to humans. When the polythene is thrown out carelessly, it gets accumulated in the soil causing land pollution. Therefore, in order to prevent this and to protect the environment we should minimized the use of polythene for a better Sri Lanka.

PART D – WRITING (30 Marks)

I. Imagine that you are the secretary of your English Literary Association. Write a letter to the Director of English in your Educational Zone, inviting her/ him to deliver a speech on ‘Importance of English’ as one of the planned programme in your school’s English week.

(Use about 125- 150 words. Do not exceed this word limit)

II. Imaging that you become the first in the National Level Dictation Competition. Immediately after you come to know this, you thought of writing a letter to a friend of yours, expressing how you felt and saying who and what helped you to obtain this victory. Write this letter.

(Use about 125- 150 words. Do not exceed this word limit)