

Sri Jayawardenapura Education Zone

Second Term Test 2019

Grade 13

General English-Paper I

1hour

Name:-.....

Answer all the questions on this paper itself.

PART A- Grammar and Vocabulary

(35 marks)

- 1. Fill in each blank with a suitable preposition from the list given below. Use each word only once. (5 marks)**

(with / on / to / out of / of)

Phillip had not been to this part of the library before. He walked around the room almost (1)..... tiptoe, afraid of disturbing readers with heavy shoes. The shelves were filled with thick volumes, dictionaries on many languages, encyclopedias, biographies and other work of references. He found nothing that was likely to interest him, until he came (2) a small section photography which was one (3) his hobbies. The books in this section were on a high shelf (4) his reach. So he had to fetch a small ladder in order to get one down. Unfortunately as he was climbing (5) the book he had chosen slipped from his grasp and fell to the floor with a loud crash. Twenty pairs of eyes looked up at him.

- 2. Fill in each blank with the correct form of the verb given in brackets. (10 marks)**

There were two rival tribes in the Andes, one that lived in the lowlands and the other that lived high in the mountains. The mountain people invaded the lowlanders one day and they (1)..... (kidnap) a baby of one of the lowlander families and took the infant with them back up into the mountains. The lowlanders didn't know how to climb the mountain. They (2) (not know) where to find the mountain people or how to track them. Even so they sent out their best party of fighting men to climb the mountain and (3).....(bring) the baby home. The men tried first one method of (4)..... (climb) and then another. After several days of effort, however, they (5).....(climb) only several hundred feet. (6).....(feel) hopeless and helpless the lowlander men decided that the cause (7)(loss) and they prepared to return to their village back. As they (8).....(pack) their gear for the descend they saw the baby's mother walking towards them. They realized that she was coming down the mountain and then they saw that she had the baby strapped to her back. How could that be?

One man greeted her and said "We (9).....(not climb) this mountain. How did you do this when we the strongest and most able men in the village couldn't do it?"

3. Underline the correct word from those given within brackets to fill in the blanks in the following text. (10 marks)

To many a stamp is merely something necessary for sending a letter. They regard stamp collecting (1)..... (as/sine/to) a waste of time, effort and money (2).....(but/ and/so)there (3)(is/am/are) who love buying stamps and find this hobby worthwhile, and (4).....(many/more/most) profitable than other leisure pursuits. Collecting stamps helps to pass the time quickly and pleasantly. Almost (5).....(all /none of/ any of) the countries issue stamps (6).....(for/by/to)celebrate important events. It is fascinating receive letters (7)..... (by/ from/in) distant countries and to discover stamps. A stamp (8)..... (themselves/itself/himself) has a charm. Stamps show us geographical and historical pictures, famous people and incidents (9).....(This/These/It)small things contain (10).....(vast/ large/ big) knowledge.

4. Underline the most appropriate word from those given in brackets. (5 marks)

- (1) In the past, our kings (made, constructed, prepared) reservoirs.
- (2) The thief came to the courtroom (accompanied, participated, attended) with some policemen.
- (3) The company has..... (developed, promoted, expanded) and now has branches in most major cities.
- (4) The(total, entire, almost) project report was rejected.
- (5) The soldier was..... (rewarded, awarded, appreciated) for his bravery.

5. Underline the correct word ending selecting from those given in brackets. (5 marks)

- (1) He failed misera..... (ble, bly, bllly) as an actor.
- (2) The rainforests are disappearing at an alarm..... (ingly, ness, ing) rate.
- (3) Modern invent(ing,ed, ions) have made household work easy.
- (4) You should comment on the facilities that were available at this year’s festival and make recommenda..... (ted, tion, ble) for next year.
- (5) The frequen..... (cy, t,tly) of heart disease and cancer is less for vegetarians She shrugged her shoulders and said “It (10)..... (not be) your baby

Part B-Reading & writing

(25 marks)

6. Underline the option that best expresses the meaning of the sentence given below.

(5 marks)

(1) Although they are good at Mathematics, they couldn't get over 75 marks at the examination.

- a. They could get over 75 marks for other subjects.
- b. They got less than 75 marks for Mathematics at the examination.
- c. They are good at Mathematics only.
- d. They couldn't get over 75 marks only for Mathematics.

2) All the family members except father, like to leave the country.

- a. No one likes to leave the country.
- b. The father likes to leave the country.
- c. The father doesn't like to leave the country.
- d. All of them like to leave the country.

3) Having done his examination well, he entered the university.

- a. He couldn't enter the university.
- b. He hope to enter the university.
- c. He was able to enter the university.
- d. He has to do his exam well if he wants to enter the university.

4) Both of them were blamed by the teacher for being late to school.

- a. They were not late to school.
- b. The teacher was blamed for being late to school.
- c. The teacher did not blame both of them.
- d. They both were late to school.

5) We would have missed the train if we hadn't run.

- a. We missed the train because we did not run.
- b. We did not miss the train because we ran.
- c. We missed the train though we ran.
- d. We did not run as we missed the train.

7. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow. (10 marks)

A funny man with a funny face.

Jim Carrey’s humour is very much his own brand. It is often slapstick, sometimes a bit tasteless, but always extremely Carrey, who was born in Canada in 1962, believes that his sense of humour developed during his teenage years. This was his way of dealing with a difficult period in his life, when his father had lost his job and Carrey junior had to earn money and study at the same time.

Carrey first performed live when he was 15, at Yuk Yuks, a famous club in Toronto. Even though he failed to make his audience laugh on this occasion, he kept working on his material and within four years became the club’s top comedy act. He moved to Los Angeles to tour the clubs there and later starred regularly in an American TV show. One of the many characters he played was Fire Marshall Bill, who always went up in smoke! Sadly, this character finally had to be dropped because of complaints that his fire act might have bad influence on children.

Carrey’s first feature film was Ace Ventura: Pet Detective, one of his most popular films ever. Another early film, The Mask, was the perfect vehicle for his weird humour. Other films since then have included Batman Forever, The Truman Show and Yes Man. His earnings are estimated at around \$ 20 million per film.

- 1) Write **True** or **False** beside in each sentence in the space provided.
 - a) Carey had a difficult period in his early life. (.....)
 - b) Carry’s first film was ‘The mask’ (.....)
 - c)He became very famous from his first performance. (.....)
 - d) He was born in America. (.....)
 - e)He believes that his sense of humour developed during his childhood.(.....)
 - f) Carry's first performance was at a famous club in Toronto.(.....)
 - g) He was success in his first attempt and he could make his audience laugh. (.....)
- 2) Write two adjectives given in the text.
 - 1).....
 - 2).....
- 3)Name the film which Carrey was very successful for his humour.....

08. Write a paragraph on “Make your environment smoke free” Use about 75-100 words. Do not exceed the word limit. **Do not** write more than one paragraph. (10 marks)

Explain- harmful effects of the smoke, Steps that can be taken to protect people

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