

Sri Jayawardenapura Education Zone

Second Term Test -2019

Grade 13

General English-Paper II

3 Hours

Name:.....

Part A – Reading skills

(50 marks)

1. Read the passage given below in which some words are given in bold type. Then, write the meanings of them. (10 marks)

A Passion for bottles

Hobbies can also easily take over your life, can't they? They make substantial demands on your time and, even more seriously, they sometimes **invade** your living space. One crazy friend of mine is haunted by the **desire** to collect bottles. This passion, which started quite by chance, has now reached an absurd stage. For my friend, whose **massive** collection currently stands at 3,429 bottles, has had to rebuild his house to **accommodate** his **obsession**. Admittedly, there are some remarkable items, such as two elegant examples in Murano glass, an **exceptional** hand-printed wine bottle from the 1920s, and about fifty **delightful** perfume bottles in every colour, shape and size you could imagine. However, the vast **majority** of his bottles is very ordinary and ought to have been taken away for **recycling** long ago. The reason he has hung on to them for all of this time is not at all clear. Just think, if only my friend had chosen bottle tops, his collection would only fill three **drawers** at most!

- (1) not usual -
- (2) addiction -
- (3) using something again -
- (4) to enter in large numbers -
- (5) wish -
- (6) to provide room for -
- (7) a number that is greater than half of a total -
- (8) a piece of furniture -
- (9) very large -
- (10) very pleasant -

2. Read the following text and answer the questions that follow. (10 marks)

Hollywood is America's unofficial homeless capital and between 4,000 and 10,000 homeless teenagers sleep on Hollywood Boulevard every night, that's about one tenth of Los Angeles' homeless population.

Over half of the people aged under 25 and living on streets leave their family homes because of abuse. They might feel frightened, or even think they are responsible for **it**. Many teenagers don't know where to look for help, and the only way out of the situation may seem to be to run away from it.

For many teenagers, Hollywood seems like an escape from their difficult home life. **They** arrive with the dream that they will become movie stars and lead the glamorous lifestyle that they see in the movies. However, the reality is that thieves steal their money in the first week, and many soon become involved in buying and selling drugs in order to survive. Some teenagers become gang members and end up either in prison, or dead because gang culture is very violent in America. So the dream that teenagers arrive with, and the reality they find, are very different.

Movies create the image of Hollywood, which we all have. Are they responsible for what happens to homeless teenagers on Hollywood Boulevard? Some campaigners for the homeless believe that they are and have organized protests at Hollywood studios. London's Bid Issue magazine recently asked Spielberg's office, Warner, and Columbia Studios to comment on the problem of homeless teenagers in Hollywood, but none of them believed that they were responsible. Every day the studios continue to make movies and teenagers keep coming to Hollywood full of hope and dreams.

(01) Write **True** or **False** in the space provided beside each sentence. 2 marks

- 1. Hollywood is famous for film industry. ()
- 2. More than half of homeless people in Hollywood are teenagers. ()
- 3. The teenagers want to follow the lifestyle of the film stars. ()
- 4. The big studios have stopped making films now. ()

(02) Answer the following questions

1. How many homeless teenagers live in Hollywood?
..... (1 mark)

2. What is the reason that many young people run away from home? (2 marks)
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3. What does young people attract to Hollywood?
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4. What are the dangers for homeless people in Hollywood?

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5. What or who do the following pronouns in bold print refer to?

- a. **it** in paragraph 2-.....
- b. **They** in paragraph 3-.....

3. Read the following poem answer the questions that follow. (5 marks)

Uncle Albert by Vernon Scannel

When I was almost eight years old
My uncle Albert came to stay.
He wore a watch- chain made of gold
And sometimes he would let me play
Both the chain and the gleaming watch.

And though at times I might be rough,
He never seemed to bother much.
He smelled of saving soap and snuff.
To me **he** was a kind of god,
Immensely wise and strong and kind,
And so I thought it rather odd
When I came home from school to find.
Two strangers, meaning and tall,
In the parlour looking grim.
As Albert- suddenly quite small
Let them rudely hustle him
Out to where the black car stood.

Both Albert and his watch and chain
Disappeared that day for good.
My parents said he'd gone to Spain.

1. Underline the most appropriate response.

The poet is

- a) Ten years old
- b) less than eight years
- c) fifteen years

2. Write True or False in the space provided.

- a. The child loves the uncle. (.....)
- b. The uncle is a nuisance for the child. (.....)

3 What does the pronoun in bold print in the poem refer to?

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4. Write one word from the poem which means as same as the following.

Stop being visible -.....

5. Based on the following passage fill in the blanks in the text given below it. Use only one word in each blank. (5 marks)

Most conventional sources of energy can be divided into three main forms according to the type of fossil fuel it is obtained from the first type to be used, on a wide scale was coal formed at great depth fro decaying trees and plants, coal has long been used both for domestic purposes and in industry. A large number of power stations too use coal to produce electricity. Oil, however, has now replaced coal as one of the most important sources of energy. It is obtained by drilling deep holes into the earth and taking up supplies from large underground reservoirs. Almost half of the power used in the world today is provided by oil. Lake oil, natural gas too is obtained by drilling deep into the earth both on land and at sea. On the whole fosil fuels are safe to use, but they have two important disadvantages. Not only they pollute the environment. but they are not renewable .It is estimated that almost all these energy sources would be exhausted by the middle of the next century.

Energy can be divided into three main forms. First is coal, It is formed at great depth from (1)..... trees and plants. This is used for both domestic and industrial purposes. It is also used in producing (2)..... . Oil is the other source, which is obtained from large underground (3)..... Most parts of the world highly depend on this source (4)..... gas as the third, also used as an important source. All these (5)..... fuels are safe to use. But, there are some disadvantages too.

5. Read the following text and answer the questions that follow. (20 marks)

Allen is a little Disaster

Accident prone Allen Davices is only five, but already his parents are convinced he's a walking disaster.

The youngster has cracked his head falling into an empty swimming pool, has chopped the end of his finger off with a penknife and has made himself ill by drinking half a bottle of Dettol, an antiseptic.

Each time another disaster strikes Allen, he is taken to the Children's Hospital in Sydenham, where he has been such a regular visitor he believes the nursing sister is a member of his family.

Now Allen's grateful father, street trader Alan Davies, has raised £6500 for the hospital to buy a neonatal monitor to measure babies' breathing and temperature.

Stitches

His wife Margaret said, 'It all started when little Allen was a year old. He fell over, cut himself, and had to have stitches in his forehead. Since then he hasn't stopped. He has been taken to hospital at least ten times.

The latest accident happened when he climbed on to a shelf and managed to open his father's penknife.

'He chopped the end of his finger off and had to have it sewn back on'.

Doctors at the hospital also had to stich Allen's head when he plunged headlong into a pool. Mr. Davies supported by the Lewisham and Berwict Street Traders Association, raised the cash with the help of celebrities including actor Richard Harris, songwriter Andrew Lloyd Wedder and Spike Milagan, who donated possessions to be auctioned at a charity disco and buffet.

Mr. Davies of Bomby said, 'little Allen is a regular patron of the hospital. He is always having accidents. He's been going there since he was just one.'

Holidays

'Everyone in the hospital has known for years, and he firmly believes he's got a real sister in the hospital because he knows the sister who looks after him so well.'

A sister at the hospital said, 'Whenever we see Allen coming in again, we all shout 'What have you been doing this time?' Allen's older brothers have also had their share of accidents and had to be taken to the Children's Hospital.

Robert, 15, tore some ligaments on a skiing holiday and slipped off his crutches, breaking his ankle. A few days later and Lee, 13, injured his neck doing a motorbike stunt.

1. Give the words following phrases, selecting from the text. (5 marks)

a. Substance that prevent infection-.....

b. To sell a property for highest offer.....

c. People who are popular.....

2. What do the underlined words refer to?

(1) 'his' in paragraph 5?.....

(2) 'him' in paragraph 8?

3. Write true (T) or false(F) in the space provided beside each sentence. (5 marks)

(1) The first accident happened when Allen climbed on to a self (.....)

(2) Allen's father wanted to buy a neonatal monitor; but he couldn't do that (.....)

(3) Allen has been visiting children's hospital since he was just one (.....)

(4) Richard Harris is a doctor in the hospital (.....)

(5) The nursing sister in Children's Hospital is a nurse as well as a family member. (.....)

4. Answer the questions and using short answers. (5 marks)

(1) What is the first accident that Allen faced?.....

(2) For what did Alan Davies raise funds?

(3) How did he chop the end of his finger?.....

(4) Who are the celebrities helped Mr.Davies?.....

(5) What was the accident faced by Allen's brother, Robert?.....

5. Fill in the blanks in the following passage, based on the information in the text. Do not use more than one word in each blank. (5marks)

Allen is a little boy who always faces..... First he faces an accident when he was one-year-old. He fell over ,cut himself and had in his forehead. As he was a regular In Children's Hospital, everybody knew him. So his.....Alen Davies, made some donations with the help of celebrities. Fortunately, he has got a kind.....to look after him at the hospital.

Part B- Dialogue (25 marks)

6. How do you respond in each of the following situations? Write only one sentence or question for each, beginning with the word/s given. (5 marks)

1) Can.....?

(You want to drink some water but you have left your bottle at home. You ask some water from a friend.)

2) Shall.....?

(Your friend suggest to go to the canteen to have a tea.)

3) I'm.....

(You haven't done your homework. So you excuse your teacher when she asks about it)

4) You.....

(Your teacher has worn a nice saree. You admire it.)

5) Why.....?

(Your brother came home late. Your mother asks the reason for his late coming)

7. Fill in the missing parts of the dialogue using appropriate expressions. Do not use more than two sentences/ questions in each blank. (5 marks)

Ravi: Hi !Warun

(1).....?

Warun :I returned from England on last Friday.

Ravi :(2).....?

Warun : No I have finished my study course(3).....?

Ravi : I'm preparing for my A/L exam.(4).....?

Warun : Still I have not decided on future plans.(5)..... ?

Ravi : Why don't you apply for a suitable job now as you have necessary qualifications.

6. You have just got your A/L results and qualified to enter university, but your friend does not have enough marks. Therefore, she wants to do a job, but her parents insist her to do the exam again. Discuss about it with one of your friends.

(Write the conversation that took place between you and your friend. Each of you must speak at least five times) (15marks)

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Part C- Writing skills

(65 marks)

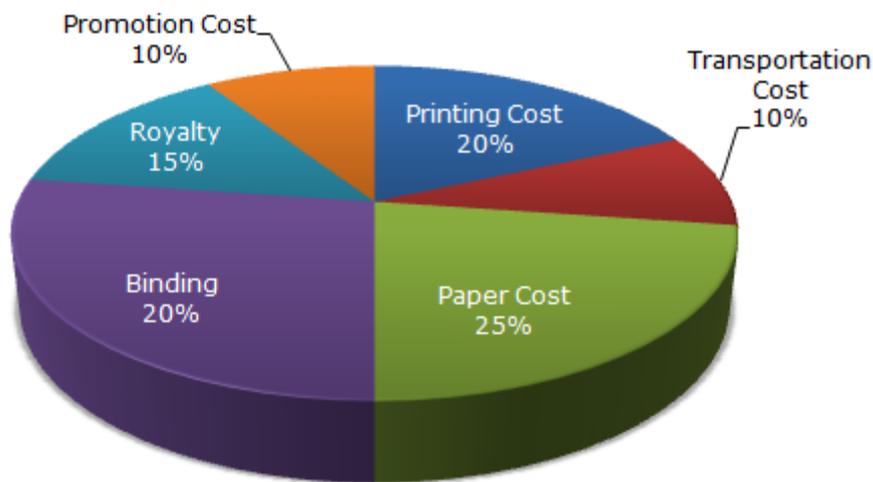
09. Select any five words from the list of words given below and use each one of them in a meaningful sentence. You may use the verbs in any tense. But do not change the form of the other words.

remarkable, consist, confidently, temperature, reduce, economy, household, promise, determination, knowledge. (5 marks)

- (1).....
- (2).....
- (3)
- (4)
- (5)

10.) The following pie chart shows the percentage distribution of the expenditure incurred in publishing a book. Study the pie chart and interpret the data. Use about 100 words. (15 marks)

Various Expenditures (in percentage) Incurred in Publishing a Book



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11. Your class has organized a trip. Write a letter to your father who is working in out station asking for permission to go on the trip. Say where, when and who is going with you, how much money you have to pay. The importance of the places you visit, relevance to the subjects you learn, the date and the mode of travel.

Use about 125-150 words. Do not exceed this word limit. (15 marks)

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12. You bought a book several days ago but some pages in it are missing. Write a letter to the manager complaining about it and request to take a prompt action. Use about 125-150 words. Do not exceed the word limit.

Include the following details

- When did you buy it
- Number of pages you missed
- Requesting to replace a new one (15 marks)

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13. Write a speech to be delivered at the school literary association on “the habit of reading should be developed among school children” Use about 200 words. Do not exceed this word limit. (15 marks)

Include - The current situation, Benefits of reading
How to develop the reading habit among children

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