



Richmond College
General English

Second Term Test

Grade 12

Time 2 1/2 hours

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Answer all the questions.

(01) Fill in the blank with one of the following preposition. Use each preposition only once.

about, without, back, down, out, over, after, to, of, at

Rohan always used to laugh (1) the idea of flying saucers. One summer evening just as he was getting ready to go to bed, Rohan heard a low humming noise outside like thousands (2) bees. He looked (3) of his bed room window. In the field at the end of the garden, he saw a number of bright objects coming (4) They seemed to be UFOS.

In the centre of the machines, he could just make out a group of figures, all wearing space suits. They appeared (5) be having a meeting. (6) sometime the figures began to move (7) towards the machine. Rohan felt terribly sad. The machines were leaving (8) him. He jumped (9) the low wall. "wait!" he shouted. But as he rushed forward he fell to the ground. When he opened his eyes, the field was empty.

Did he really see flying objects or was it all a dream? He is not sure. But these days if anyone talks (10) flying saucers he keeps quiet.

(1 x 10)

(02) Fill in each blank with the correct form of the verb given in brackets.

Mr. Shivam is a clerk. He (1) (work) in Colombo at the moment. He got up in the morning and (2) (look) at his watch. The watch (3) (stop). Then he dressed quickly and went to the station but the train (4) (leave). So he went by bus that day. He was late for work.

There was a letter on his table. He (5) (write) it to the bank. He had forgotten to sign it. So it (6) (send) back to him. Mr. Shivam angry. He (7) (look) for a shop to have a cup of tea. Luckily he found a n. He rushed to it. When he looked for his purse to get the money,

he found it was missing. Just then only he remembered that he (9)
(forget) to bring his purse. Mr. Shivam grew still more angry with himself. He (9)
..... (mutter) thinking of his wife. He managed to reach home
submerging his anger. But his wife was not at home. She (10)
(go) to see the doctor. Their son had fallen and hurt himself. It was a terrible day for Mr.
Shivam

(1 x 10)

(03) Fill in the blanks with the correct word formed from the words in brackets.

- i) Srilanka is(fame) for its high quality tea.
- ii) America is a rich and (power) country.
- iii) Neela has a beautiful face and a (charm) smile.
- iv) We have many (difference) varieties of plantains in Sri Lanka.
- v) Mohan is a wealthy and (influence) person in the business circle.
- vi) Solar energy is abundant and much (preference) because it is clean.
- vii) Ministers live in (luxury) mansions while their voters suffer in shanties.
- viii) My grandma is extremely generous but not very (tolerance) with people who disagree with her.
- ix) Little girls are generally more (talk) than boys.
- x) Charlie Chaplin's films were a lot(humour) but they also has some lessons.

(1 x 10)

(04) Underline the correct option that expresses the meaning of the bold typed statement.

- i) **She was dressed as if she were going to the party.**
 - a) She was going to a party.
 - b) She had dressed to go to a party.
 - c) She was dressed very attractively.

- ii) **Had it not been for Nilani, I would have lost my identity card**
 - a) The speaker has lost his identity card
 - b) The speaker has not lost his identity card.
 - c) Nilani has lost the speaker's identity card.

iii) Neither of them has been successful in the examination

- a) both of them have passed
- b) both of them have failed
- c) only one of them has passed

iv) Nihal's answer is far from satisfactory,

- a) Nihal's answer is very bad.
- b) Nihal's answer is very good.
- c) Nihal's answer is very long and satisfactory.

v) We had our car painted last month

- a) We painted the car.
- b) We employed someone to paint the car.
- c) It took one whole month to paint the car.

(1 x 5)

(05) Fill in the blanks in each of these sentences with an antonym for the word given at the end in brackets. Choose the antonym from the list below.

ahead, fresh, mild, proud, resembles, frequent, huge, precious, rapidly, shortage

- i) The blue whale is a sea animal (tiny)
- ii) We can't buy apples in our market (stale)
- iii) Our grandfather had a heart attack last week. (Severe)
- iv) John his father in every aspect. (differs)
- v) The Indian IT industry is growing (gradually)
- vi) The stones on Meena's necklace are very (ordinary)
- vii) The engineers think they can finish the project well of time.
(behind)
- viii) There is a great for food and medicine for the food victims.
(surplus)
- ix) Kumar is handsome, intelligent and rich but he is not (humble)
- x) Siberian ducks are visitors seen in the kumara birds sanctuary (rare)

(1 x 10)

(06) Fill in the blanks with the correct word ending given in brackets.

A long time ago there live (1) (es,ed,ing) an old man with his goat, Blanchette. She was a won (2) (derfully, derful, der) white goat and was very kind to her master, Mr. Seguin. They had lived together for many years. Blanchette

was always fast (3) (ens, en, ened) to a tree. She was sad and sometimes she ~~didn't~~^{didn't} eat her food. Everyday she look (4) (s, ed, ing) at the big mountains and dreamed of being free to expl (5) (ore, ode, oring) them. One day she asked her master for mo (6) (st, re, stly) freedom. She said, "You can tie me with a long rope, or you can build a special encl (7) (osure, osed, osing) for me." First, he tied her with a longer rope, but Blanchette was sad. A few days later he built a special enclosure appeared very small in front of the mountains. One summer night the goat deci (8) (ded, des, ding) to leave for the mountains. So the next morning, she jum (9) (ps, ping, ped) out of the enclosure and ran away. "I am free" she said. She ate many ~~very~~^{vari} (10) (ous, ant, eties) of plants and she enjoyed meeting new friends. All day she ran in the Alps, until the sun sets behind the hills. Finally when night fell, fear gripped her. She saw a shape. It was a wolf. The wolf killed her and ate her up.

(1 x 10)

(07) Select any five words from the list given below and make meaningful sentences. You may use the verbs in any tense. You may use the plural forms of the nouns. but don't change the other forms of the words.

1. hardworking
2. mountaineering
3. quickthinking
4. expect
5. perseverance
6. jovial
7. harmony
8. effortlessly
9. employment
10. drastically

(1x5)

- i.
- ii.
- iii.
- iv.
- v.

(08) Re-write the following jumbled sentences to make a meaningful sentence. First word of the sentence is given.

1. /faced/by/ordinary/SriLankans/was/find/to/solutions/practical/Dr.Ray Wijewardana's /
in/life/passion/problems/to/

i. Dr. Ray Wijewardana's

2. /in/urban//areas/to/earn/English/properly/can/afford/only/people/rich/

i. Only.....

3. /in/life/easily/can/you/achieve/goals/your/if/you/English/know/

i. You

4. /whose/husband/killed/was/in/the/accident/road/she/is/the/lady/

i. She

5. /the/famous/is/one/of/the/Taj Mahal/ many/ think / people/ that/seven/of/the
/wonders/world/

i. Many

(1 x 5)

(09) Construct questions to get the underlined word as the answer.

1. That is Hema's car

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2. This computer cost 75,0000/- rupees.

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3. There are 30 students in our class.

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4. Nimal goes to the library twice a week.

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5. I have been incharge of the game "Karate" since 2016

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(1 x 5)

(10) Read this paragraph and answer the questions given below.

Child abuse

Children living on and off the streets are considered a problem in the society. The number of children living on & off the streets are increasing in areas like Colombo, Katharagama and Anuradhapura.

The present education system does not attract the children living on streets. The education system caters towards the academic courses and not to prepare a backward child to live. The education level they have reached does not allow these children to find suitable employment. Being unable to earn an income brings them to the streets to make a living.

The child who is not going to school during the day is also an easy prey of drug dealers and underworld gangs. They use the young children to transport drugs and dangerous weapons to locations, as children will not be suspected to be involved in such activities. The children at young age get involved and learn such trade because of the money they get, and in the end, a habit is inculcated in them. Once they become targets of the police they will be always eyed at, even if they don't commit any crime.

Earning an income attracts the child and his family much more than going to school. Using younger children to beg on the streets fetches some parents a tidy income. To overcome this problem of street children, the Government has launched a programme for street children. This programme will be implemented by the Department of Human Resource Development, in collaboration with a non Governmental Organization. Technical assistance for the programme will be given by the non-formal and special education unit of the ministry of education and other resource persons specialized in the field of conducting functional literacy and numeracy programmes. They have planned to develop community learning centres in 15 districts. These centres will provide children an environment to learn through creativity and activity. The children will be channeled to the centre through NGOs, Municipality, Public health personnel and other relevant organization.

(10 marks)

- i. Name 3 areas where the problem of street children is getting more and more complex.

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(3 marks)

(4

- ii. Why doesn't the present education system attract street children

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(1 mark)

- iii. What attracts young children to get involved in the drug trade?

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(1 mark)

iv. Write the sentence which says that street children and their parents prefer doing a job than going to school.

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(1 mark)

v. Who will help the Government in implementing the programme planned for the welfare of street children?

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(1 mark)

vi. Write 3 places from which children will be sent to community learning centres.

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(3marks)

(11) Your friend Nimal has failed in 3 subjects at the G.C.E. A/L exam and he is very badly worried.

Write a letter to Nimal by comforting and encouraging him to try again next year. Advise him not to lose hope and to study hard again and face the exam with more confidence.

(150 words)

f - 1
c - 4
L - 5

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(12) Is English language needed for education & finding a job. Do you agree or disagree?

Express your views regarding this. (200 words)

c - 4
L - 4
O - 2

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