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Assignment for Vacation -2020

General English

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Grade 12

Paper 1

1 hour (40 marks)

Part A – Grammar and Vocabulary

Fill in the blanks in the following text, using the prepositions given in the box. Use each preposition only once. There is one preposition extra (5 marks)

for, to, in, between, on, of

Animals are an integral part of our lives. The association (i) humans and animals (including insect) dates back (ii)..... Prehistoric times when people relied (iii) hunting (iv)..... their food supply. Animals also played an important role (v) the development of civilization.

Question 02

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

Stories of dolphins (i) (save) human lives (ii)..... (tell) throughout history. The latest (iii)(be) an incident which (iv) (happen) in January this year when dolphins

(v)(save) the life of an Australian surfer (vi)(attack) by a shark which tore a chunk of the surfboard. As the shark (vii)(move) in for the kill, it (viii)(surround) by a group of dolphins. Some scientists (ix) (argue) that such behaviour is an instinctive response to distress signals. Others(x) (insist) that incidents like these are deliberate acts of compassion – adding support to the widespread belief that dolphins are highly intelligent.

Question 3

(10 marks)

Underline the correct word from those given within brackets to fill in the blanks in the following text.

Harry had the best morning he'd had in (i)(those ,a ,many) long time. He was careful to walk a (ii)(little,some,any) way apart from (iii) (a, the, few) Dudleys so that Duddley and Piers, who (iv)(was , been , were) starting of get bored with the animals by lunchtime, wouldn't fall back on (v) (his , her , their) favourite hobby of hitting (vi)(them, him ,her) (vii) (They, He, It)ate in the zoo, restaurant and (viii)(when, while, whether) Dudley (ix) (had, has, have) a tantrum (x) (before, if , because) his knickerbocker glory didn't have enough ice – cream on top.

Question 04

Underline the correct word / phrase from those given within brackets. (5 marks)

1. A sick person needs confidence in a doctor.
(absolute, high, strict)
2. The earthquake the whole region. (frightened, devastated, made infertile)
3. The Union called on its members to the meeting.
(summon, support, boycott)
4. Dasun (dwells, occupies, inhabits) a room in his auty's house.
5. These are acids in it which can (corrode, break, eat away) metals, stone, and wood from our buildings.

Question 05

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

(10 marks)

Sri lanka is one of the most sorts for tourist destin (i)(ity, ations, ates) in the world. It is advantage (ii) (e, eous, eously) situated between West Asia and South East Asia has been a significan (iii) (ce, t, tly) stop on the silk route. Its landscape orienta (iv) (al, tion,, lism) especially the warm sun kissed beaches creates mix of opportuni (v) (ty, ties, stic) which lead to the final holiday destination.

Part -B – Reading & writing

(20 marks)

Question 06

Underline the option that best expresses the meaning of each of the sentences given below. (5 marks)

1. As few members turned up for the general meeting it was postponed for next Saturday
 - a) A good number of members came for the meeting
 - b) No one attended the meeting
 - c) The attendance was almost nil
2. Dr. Krishantha's lecture on prevention of AIDS was useful as entertaining it was
 - a) The lecture was useful but very dull.
 - b) The lecture was useful and interesting
 - c) The lecture was not useful but was very amusing
3. Had it not been for the early warning many more people would have died in the devastating flood.
 - a) The people were warned. So they went to safer areas.
 - b) The people were not warned. So more people did
 - c) Even though the warning was given, a lot of people died.
4. There are hardly any biscuits left in the tin
 - a) There are no biscuits left in the tin
 - b) There are only a few biscuits left in the tin
 - c) Some biscuits are in the left tin
5. Cheap though the dress was he didn't let her buy it
 - a) He didn't let her buy the dress but it wasn't expensive
 - b) He let her buy the dress as it was cheap
 - c) The dress was expensive; so he didn't let her buy it

Question 07

Read the following text and say whether the following sentences are **True** or **False**

(5 marks)

Habits and field – paths are formed in the same way: by repetition Villagers, as a rule, do not deliberately make a footpath to the next village. They just go the shortest or easiest way over the fields. Day after day, people go and come the same way. Their feet tread down the grass and beat the earth hard. By their repeated walking in the same direction a track or path is made. In the same way , the more often we do anything in the same way or at the same time, the more we shall be inclined so to do it . At last a habit is formed.

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| a) Villagers purposely make footpaths. | () |
| b) Repetitions has no connection with habits. | () |
| c) People always use the shortest ways to go. | () |
| d) Habits are formed soon. | () |
| e) A habit exists with a person for a long time. | () |

Question 08

Write a paragraph beginning with the given sentence . Use about 75 -100 words . Do not Exceed the word limit. Do not write more than one paragraph. (10 marks)

Proper actions should be taken to control any epidemic on time.

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Paper II

Part A – Reading Skill

(45 marks)

Question 01

Read the following passage and match the words marked bold with their meanings by writing the correct number in the box provide. (10 marks)

The work of the Institute is ably **(1) supported** by its Advisory Board.

The Board **(2) provides** a formal interface with the publishing **(3) industry** and its members represent a **(4) range** of professions. The board plays a **(5) significant** role in ensuring the **(6) relevance** of the courses **(7) offered**. All the members of the Board have worked **(8) extensively** in book publishing , authoring , education , **(9) training**, consulting or research and continue to network extensively informally and **(10) through** their research and consultancy.

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| <input type="text"/> | a) Diversity. |
| <input type="text"/> | b) Very well with much performance. |
| <input type="text"/> | c) With the assistance of. |
| <input type="text"/> | d) Helped and assisted |
| <input type="text"/> | e) Suitability to a condition. |
| <input type="text"/> | f) Gives. |
| <input type="text"/> | g) Guiding. |
| <input type="text"/> | h) Salient. |
| <input type="text"/> | i) Held or conducted. |
| <input type="text"/> | j) Sector. |

Question 02

Read the passage and answer the questions (1) and (2).

(10 marks)

Geeth was afraid the thought he would not pass the end – of- year examination. Two days before the exam , he saw his teacher had left the cupboard unlocked where the exam paper was kept. He took the paper from the cupboard and took it home to study it. His teacher, however , returned that evening for the paper and found it gone. Next morning the teacher came to class with a policeman, to find that the paper had been returned to the cupboard. Geeth was the only pupil to come early that day and was forced to admit he had taken it. The boy was charged with theft. In court, though, Geeth's lawyer said he had not stolen the paper since he had returned it, and the charge of theft cannot be brought if the accused did not intend to keep the article. The school charged he had stolen the ideas in the paper , but the judge ruled you cannot “ steal” something which has no physical existence.

- 1) Do the following statements agree with the informing given in the above text ?

In boxes (1) – (8) write True or False.

True	If the statement is correct.
False	If the statements is wrong.

(1) Geeth broke open the cupboard and took the question papers away	
(2) Geeth didn't tell the truth to the policeman	
(3) Geeth was an honest boy so he was freed by the court	
(4) Though Geeth had committed an offence he escaped punishment	
(5) The judge believed that Geeth had not stolen the question paper	
(6) The judge gave a verdict in favour of the school administration	
(7) Geeth caused extra expenses and great trouble to school administration	
(8) Geeth didn't commit any crime because he had returned the paper	

- 2) Underline the most appropriate response.

- a) Why did Geeth take the exam paper away?
- Because he was afraid he would fail the mid year exam.
 - Because the teacher had left the cupboard unlocked.
 - Because he wanted to take it home and study it before the exam.
- b) How did the teacher get back the exam paper again?
- The policeman found it in Geeth's house.
 - The principal had printed the papers afresh.
 - Geeth had brought back and kept it in the unlocked cupboard.

Question 03

Fill in the blanks with a suitable word from the list below.

Symptoms , survive , caused , cough
 Discovered , touching , spread , exposure
 Infectious , pandemic

Coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid – 19) is an i) disease ii) By a newly coronavirus.

The disease was first identified in December 2019 in Wuhan , the capital of China's Hubei province and has since spread globally , resulting in the ongoing 2019-20 coronavirus iv)

Common symptoms include fever , v) and shortness of breath. Other vi) may include fatigue , muscle pain , diarrhea, sore throat , loss of smell and abdominal pain. The time from vii) to onset of symptoms is typically around 14 days . The virus is mainly viii)..... between people during close contact , often via small droplets produced during coughing, sneezing , or talking. People may also become infected by ix) a contaminated surface and then their face . The virus can x) on surface for up to 72 hours.

Question 04

Read the following memorandum and answer the questions given below.

Wimalasurendra Brothers PVT Ltd.
 285 / A , Galle Road Wellawaththa . 2345561-5
 Memorandum.

To : All Employees.
 From : Saranga Wimalasurendra , M. D.
 Date : 22 April , 2020
 Subject : Take – over of the company.

You are probably aware from reports in the press that Wimalasurendra Brothers Pvt Ltd has been taken over by Margo Industries and is now a part of the Margo Group of Companies.

Details of the take – over and how it will affect employees will be notified before the end of this month. However this memorandum assures the following: Salarise and wages will not be affected.

There will be no redundancies as a result of the take – over , although there will be some reorganization . Reorganization will take place over the next year as Margo intends to expand the production of Wimalasurendra Brothers Pvt. Ltd. So that it will become a major electronic component supplier to their own industries .

The Board of Directors , Management and Union Representatives have already met with Mr. Nimal Chandrasoma , the Deputy chairman of Margo Group of companies, Who has given us the above undertaking both verbally and in writing. However, if you have any doubt on the above matters, you may contact the Directors.

- 1) Who sends the memo? (2 marks)
- 2) To whom it is sent ? (2 marks)
- 3) What is the purpose of this memo?
..... (2 marks)
- 4) The writer assumes that the employees already know about the change. From where did they get the information.?..... (2marks)
- 5) After the take – over of the company, will the production be cut down or increased?
..... (2marks)
- 6) Who or what do the following pronouns underlined in the text refer to?
 It
 Their
 Who (3 marks)
- 7) What do the following words in bold print in the memo mean?
 i) redundancies -
 ii) verbally - (2 marks)

Part B - Dialogues**(35 marks)****Question 05**

How do you respond in each of the following situations? Write only one sentence or question for each beginning with the word/s given (10 marks)

- 1) You have been served coffee in a restaurant but you haven't been given any sugar and you would like to request the waiter.
"can -"
- 2) Your friend in Colombo, asks you to send the second term Accounts paper of your college through WhatAspp or wiber. How do you respond to it?
"Would-"
- 3) Your mother has forgotten where he has put her mobile phone. Offer to help her
"Let-"
- 4) You could not go to chemistry class yesterday. How do you request your friend to lend you his chemistry book.
Could -
- 5) You make a complaint at the customer care about your home land phone. How does the customer care officer ask you the break down of the land phone?
Please.....

Question 06

Mr. Namal loses his bag in the town. He goes to the police station to lodge an entry. Complete the missing parts of the dialogue between Mr. namal and the policeman. Do not use more than two sentences/ questions in each blank. (10 marks)

Policeman : Good morning

Mr. Namal : Good morning, i).....

Policeman : ii)

Mr. namal : I lost it near the bank

Policeman : iii)

Mr. Namal : It was brown and some of my belongings were there iv)

Pliceman : No, nobody has handed over a bag

Mr. namal : v)

Policeman : Don't worry. We try our level best to find it.

Question 09

Select any five words from the list of nouns, verbs adjectives and adverbs given below and use each one of them in a meaningful sentence. You may use the verbs in any tense. Do not change the form of the other words.

Nouns	Measurement, voyage, introduction
verbs	Reach , acquire
Adjectives	Cheerful , tiresome
Adverbs	Occasionally, freely, socially

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Question 10

Write an official letter to an educationist inviting him or her to be the Guest of Honour at the English Day Celebrations in your school. Include the following in your letter

(15 marks)

- i) Give details of your school, the event you are celebrating and its significance.
- ii) Explain why you choose this person as the guest of honour
- iii) Request for a reply confirming and accepting the invitation.

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Question 11

Many students pursue higher education. Write an essay on the following topic.

(20 marks)

“Value of higher education”

Use the following guidelines (use about 150 – 175 words)

- What are the fields education
- Where we can get higher education
- What the benefits are
- What the obstacles are

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