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Grade 8 - Second Term Test - July 2019

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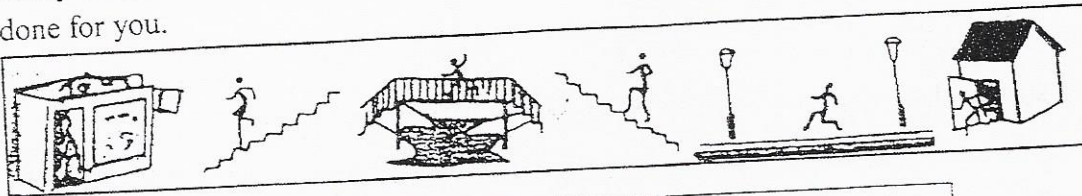
English

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Part I

Test 01

1. Study the pictures and fill in the blanks. Use the preposition given in the box. First one is done for you.



down of into across up along

The man goes out 1) ...of..... the house 2) the road 3) the steps
4) the bridge 5)..... the steps and 6) the shop.

(5 marks)

Test 02

Fill in the blanks in the following conversation. Use the words from the box. First one is done for you.

Soap, radio, post a letter, stamps, wash my hands, listen to the news

- A : Excuse me, Have you got aradio..... here? I want to
B : Yes, there's one in the kitchen.
- A : I want to Have you got any?
B : Sorry, I don't think I've got any.
- A : I just want to Have you got any?
B : Yes, there's some on the shelf in the bath room.

(5 marks)

Test 03

Read the following text about a famous write and complete the table given below.

He was born in Missouri, USA in 1835. His real name was Samuel Langhorne Clemens. Mark Twain was his pen name. It is said to mean 'safe water'.

Twain had six siblings and grew up by the Mississippi river. He loved to read and write. Later he wrote for a small town paper and also helped his brother with his newspaper. He is said to have travelled to New York and then headed West. He liked steam boats and later went on to navigate one.

He become a famous novelist. His most famous books are Huckleberry Finn, Tom Sawyer and the Prince and the Pauper. Twain passed away of a heart disease in 1910 and it is said that Halley's Comet was seen that year just like it was seen the year he was born.

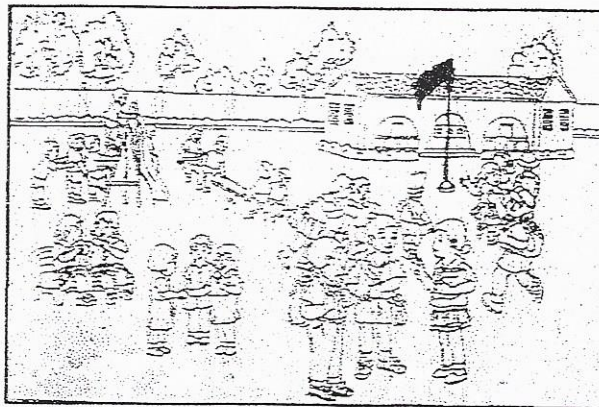
MARK TWAIN - A World famous writer

Real name (1)
 Pen name (2)
 Year of birth (3)
 Number of brothers and sisters (4)
 Likes and interests (5) (6) (7)
 Titles of books written (8) (9)
 (10)

(5 marks)

Test 04

(A) Study the picture and fill in the blanks in the next given below.



This is a picture of a school playground. There are boys and (1) in the picture. Two students sitting on a (2) are talking to each other. (3) boys are playing on the slide and they are wearing (4) and shirts. All the girls in the picture are wearing skirts and (5) There is only one boy who is wearing (6) and he is talking to another girl and a boy. He is holding a (7) at his back. There is only one building with a tiled (8) and a (9) pole in front of it. There are some (10) behind the wall.

(10 marks)

- (B) Read the paragraph on elephants and write similar paragraphs about the rabbit. Use all the words given with the picture. (50 words)

<p>Elephants</p> <p>Very large</p> <p>grey live in Africa</p> <p>India/ Sri Lanka</p> <p>eat leaves</p>	<p>small eyes</p> <p>long body</p> <p>long trunk</p> <p>Large ears</p>	<p>Rabbits</p> <p>quite small</p> <p>brown</p> <p>can run</p> <p>very fast</p> <p>eat grass</p>	<p>very long ears</p> <p>small white tail</p> <p>large eyes</p>
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Elephants

Elephants are grey and they are very large animals. They have a large body, large ears and a long trunk. but very small eyes. They live in India, Africa and Sri Lanka. They eat leaves.

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(5 marks)

Test 05

Complete the following dialogue using the most suitable answer.

Hiruni : Where's Shanika.

Nelum : She's studying English. She can't (1)read..... the English newspaper. (read/write)

Hiruni : Really! English is very (2) for her. (rough / hard)

Nelum : You are right. She isn't very (3) (happy / thrill). By the way her birthday is next week. Let's plan a (4) for her (function/ party)

Hiruni : Good idea. What can we do for music?

Nelum : We have many records. Let's buy a (5) (record player/ cassette) for Shanika's birthday.

Hiruni : But is (6) (takes/costs) a lot of money.

Hiruni : Anyway, we'll find the money.

(5 marks)

Test 06

Fill in the following notice to make it meaningful. Use the words given in the box.

from, at, for, on, between, to

NOTICE

The Cricket match schedule to be played (1) Rahula Vidyalaya and Seevali Vidyalaya (2)on..... the 10th of June 2019, (3) Municipal Grounds has been postponed due (4) bad weather. The new date and time are given below.

Date : 16th June 2019

Time : (5) 8 a.m. to 4 p. m

Tickets will be valid (6) the new date

Organizing Committee

(5 marks)

Test 07

Fill in the blanks using a relevant collective noun.

1. The police caught a gang of thieves yesterday.
2. The Shepherd carefully counted his of sheep.
3. He was welcomed at the airport by a of his friends.
4. The fisherman saw signs of the presence of a of sharks.
5. He attended a meeting of the of directors.
6. She looked up and saw a of stars.

(5 marks)

Test 08

Fill in the blanks in the following dialogue appropriately. Select the correct sentence from the box and write them.

Prasad is an island ranker at G.C.E. (A/L) examination. A journalist has come for an interview. Complete the dialogue by matching given words.

Interviewer : I'm Samantha from "Sunday Times" Congratulations Prasad! Am I late?

Prasad :

Interviewer : Would you mind explaining your feelings about your achievement?

Prasad :

Interviewer : Did you have any plans from the beginning?

Prasad :

Interviewer : Could you brief it?

Prasad :

Interviewer : Excellent. Any advice for your younger sisters and brothers who are getting ready for the A/L examination this year?

Prasad :

Interviewer : Thank you so much. Wish you a bright future.

Prasad : Thanks. You're welcome.

Yes, I had
Never give up and work according a plan.
Thank you. You are on time.
Well, I am very punctual and methodical.
It was a great feeling.

(5 marks)

Test 9

Turn these sentences into passive voice.

1. He posted the letter.

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2. The Principal addressed the meeting.

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3. She cleans her bedroom daily.

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4. Mr. Perera repaired his car.

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5. They make some kites.

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(10 marks)

Test 10

(A) Underline the 10 compound nouns given in the following box. First one is done for you.

<u>toothbrush</u>	bathroom	handbag	eyebrow
calendar	broomstick	kitchen	notebook
conversation	robotics	classmate	aircraft
television	footprint	development	friendliness
celebration	rainfall	cupboard	inventor

(5 marks)

(B) The underlined words in the following sentences are incorrect. Correct them by adding affixes.

eg: 1. Is something wrong? Hasith looks happy – (unhappy)

2. Ravi is a care boy. He makes mistakes. (careless)

1. A lot of forests are cut down due to develop projects. (.....)
2. You have done the activity correctly. You have to do it again. (.....)
3. These paintings are very beauty. (.....)
4. Eating too much sweets can be harm to your health. (.....)
5. Throwing garbage everywhere makes our environment pleasant. (.....)

(10 marks)

Test 11

The moon

The moon has a face like the clock in the hall;
 She shines on thieves on the garden wall,
 On streets and fields and harbor quays;
 And birdies asleep in the forks of trees.
 The squalling cat and the squeaking mouse,
 The howling dog by the door of the house,
 The bat that lies in bed at noon,
 All love to be out by the light of the moon.
 But all the things that belong to the day
 Cuddle to sleep to be out of her way;
 And flowers and children close their eyes
 Till up in the morning the sun shall rise.

Robert Louis Stevenson

1. a) What is the title of the poem?
- b) Who is the poet?
- c) How many lines are there?
2. Name two places where the moon shines?
 - i)
 - ii)
3. State whether the following statements are 'True' or 'False'
 - i) Birdies sleep on the leaves of trees. ☐
 - ii) The things that belong to night shall sleep till morning. ☐
4. Underline the correct answer.
 - i) What does 'she' refer to in the poem?
 - a) The Sun
 - b) the Moon
 - c) birdies
 - ii) The dogs howl by the
 - a) door
 - b) window
 - c) well
5. Name the sound made by the following animals.
 - i) cat -
 - ii) mouse -
6. Find two pairs of rhyming words.
 - i)
 - ii)
7. Find opposite words for the following from poem.
 - i) hatred -
 - ii) awake -
8. What do you prefer most; Sun or Moon? Give reasons.

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(10 marks)

Test 12

The Ugly Duckling

Once there was a little brown duck. All summer long she sat on her nest and waited patiently for her eggs to hatch. She had six eggs, five white and one brown. The brown egg puzzled her a great deal for it was so different from the others. However, she took great care to keep it just as warm as the rest.

The days passed and one by one the white eggs hatched. Only the big brown egg remained in the nest. The duck was worried. Suddenly, She heard a small crack. The egg was hatching at last! Out scrambled a strange looking bird covered in dull brown fluff. He did not look at all like the mother duck's other pretty golden chicks.

Wherever he went, the poor ugly duckling was laughed at and teased until one day he decided he could bear it no longer. He would have to run away!

One night, he crept out of the farmyard and ran quite a long way. There he lay down and rested by night. The next day, he began to wander around. After a time, he came to a small, tumbledown cottage. He crept through a crack in the door into a warm little room. An old woman lived in the cottage with her cat and her hen, and when they discovered the little duckling next morning, they were most surprised.

'What sort of a creature are you?' asked the hen haughtily. 'Can you lay eggs?' The duckling shook his head.

'Can you ruffle your fur when you are angry, or purr when you are pleased?' asked the snooty cat. Again the duckling shook his head in shame.

'What a useless animal you are,' declared the hen. 'You can neither lay eggs nor purr. You can't stay here'

But the old lady smiled kindly. 'Let him stay for a little while. He may learn to do something useful in time.' And so the duckling lived in the cottage with the old lady, the cat and the hen, and the weeks passed happily.

(A) Answer the following questions.

1. Why did the brown egg puzzle the little brown duck?

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2. Why did the little duckling decide to run away?

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3. Who lived in the little cottage?

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4. What did the hen ask duckling?

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5. What did the old lady say?

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(5 marks)

(B) Put a tick mark (✓) against the correct meaning of each of the words taken from the story:

1. patiently (a) calmly, without any complaint or protest ☐
 (b) a person who needs to be attended to by a doctor ☐
 (c) a place in front of a house ☐

2. puzzled (a) a soft sticky substance ☐
 (b) a big nest ☐
 (c) not able to understand something ☐

3. ugly (a) mother duckling ☐
 (b) unpleasant to look at ☐
 (c) very beautiful ☐

4. tease (a) to laugh at somebody and make jokes about him/her ☐
 (b) to cry for a long time ☐
 (c) coffee, cake and sandwiches ☐

5. cottage (a) soft white cheese ☐
 (b) a small house, especially in the country ☐
 (c) a small hospital ☐

6. Snooty (a) treating people as if they are not as good or as important as you are ☐
 (b) a person with a long nose ☐
 (c) a hen that cannot lay eggs ☐

(5 marks)

at 13

Write about one of the following topics, using 100 words.

1. Write an essay on .

'A great personality'

or

'Let's protect nature'

2. Write an article to a newspaper about a botanical garden that you have visited.

3. Build up a story. Begin like

We were walking across a dense forest, it was getting darker.....