

2nd Term Test 2022 September - Grade 12

Answer all the questions on this paper itself.

PART A - GRAMMAR and VOCABULARY (35 marks)

Question 1

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. (05 marks)

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A doctor who worked in a village was very annoyed because many people used to stop him (1) the street and ask his advice. In this way, he was never paid (2) his services, and he never managed to earn much money. He made up his mind to put an end to this. One day, he was stopped (3) a young man who said to him, " Oh, doctor, I'm so glad to see you. I have got a severe pain in my left side". The doctor pretended (4) be interested and said, " Shut your eyes and stick your tongue out of your mouth". Then he went away, leaving the man standing in the street (5) his tongue hanging out and a large crowd of people laughing at him.

Question 2

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

Once a man was going to another village on his horse. The village was quite far away. The man started (1) (feel) tired while crossing the forest, so he came down from his horse and (2) (lie) under a tree shade to rest and soon fell asleep. He tied his horse nearby. A few hours later, when he (3) (wake) up, he saw that his horse was missing. He looked around but he could not find the horse. He found footsteps of his horse. He realized that his horse (4) (steal). Realizing this he took a thick wooden stick from the forest and started searching for the horse thief, he reached a nearby village. There,he (5) (swing) his stick and shouted "who had stolen my horse? Whoever has done this, (6) (return) my horse, otherwise I will do what I did last time when my horse was stolen." He warned again and again. All the villagers gathered there and the thief (7) (be) also from the same village. On hearing this thief got scared and immediately went where he had kept that horse and let it (8) (loose). Soon the horse returned to its owner. As the owner was about to leave,the thief got curious about things that man said before and went to him and asked, "You got your horse, but before (9) (leave) tell us what you did when your horse was stolen last time." Wise man laughed and said, "Nothing, I (10) (buy) a new horse. "

Question 3

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

Some time ago, a friend of (1) (my / mine / myself) punished his 3-year old daughter for wasting a roll of gold wrapping paper. Money (2) (was / were / been) tight, and he became infuriated when the child tried to decorate a box to put under the tree. (3) (Nevertheless / Despite / Since) the little girl brought the gift to her father the next morning and said, "This is for you, Daddy." He was embarrassed by his earlier overreaction, but his anger flared again (4) (when / which / that) he found that the box was empty. He yelled at her, "Don't you know when you give someone a present, there's supposed to be (5) (something / everything / nothing) inside of it?"

The little girl looked up at him with tears in her eyes and said, "Oh, Daddy, (6) (its / it's / there's) not empty. I blew kisses into the box. All for you, Daddy."

The father was crushed. He put his arms (7) (around / for / with) his little girl, and begged for forgiveness. My friend told me that he kept that old box by his bed for years. (8) (Wherever / Whoever / Whenever) he was discouraged, he would take out an imaginary kiss and remember the love of the child who had put it there. In a very real sense, (9) (some / many / each) of us as parents has been given a gold container filled with unconditional love (10) (and / yet / as) kisses from our children.

Question 4

Underline the most appropriate word from those given within brackets. (05 marks)

- 1) Speaking in English will (gather / rise / grow / boost) your confidence.
- 2) In positive relationships, we (care / help / think / support) for each other.
- 3) The school has (placed / honoured / brought / celebrated) Nalin with two awards.
- 4) We (appreciate / love / care / fulfill) your concern.
- 5) He tried to (improve / develop / enlarge / accomplish) the soil fertility.

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Question 5

Underline the correct word-ending, selecting from those given within brackets. (05 marks)

Every individual in the country should take (1) responsib..... (le / ility / ly) for ensuring peace and harmony in society. The government, civil societies and NGOs should work in (2) collaborat..... (ively / tive / ion) to maintain harmony in the society. Every step should be taken by the people to ensure peace and harmony in the country. Any conflicts or issues should be solved by peaceful dialogues and in a (3) harmon..... (ey / ious / iously) condition. There is no problem in the world which could not be solved by peace and there is no need for (4) viol..... (ent / ence / ate) or war. Peace and Harmony is the path always (5) chos..... (ed / e / en) by wiser people in order to bring growth and prosperity in society.

PART B - READING and WRITING.

(25 marks)

Question 6

Underline the option that best expresses the meaning of each of the sentences given in **bold print**. (05 marks).

1. **Having completed his project he had a holiday.**

- a) He completed the project after he had a holiday
- b) He completed the project before he had a holiday.
- c) He completed the project while on a holiday.
- d) He completed the project during the holidays.

2. **Despite falling down midway through the race, Malith won.**

- a) Malith won even though he fell down midway through the race.
- b) Malith didn't win as he fell down midway through the race.
- c) Malith could not win the race due to falling down.
- d) Because of the race Malith fell down.

3. **Kasuni, whose husband works abroad met with an accident.**

- a) Kasuni's husband met with an accident.
- b) Kasuni works abroad.
- c) Kasuni met with an accident.
- d) Kasuni and his husband work abroad.

4. **If I had had enough time, I would have helped Chethana.**

- a) I had enough time to help Chethana.
- b) I didn't have enough time to help Chethana.
- c) I had enough time but I didn't help Chethana
- d) I didn't have enough time but I help Chethana.

5) **I wish I had a bicycle.**

- a) The speaker had a bicycle.
- b) The speaker didn't have a bicycle
- c) The speaker has a bicycle
- d) The speaker doesn't have a bicycle now.

Question – 07

Read the following four news items and answer the questions (a) and (b). (10 marks)

(1) Ukraine claims to have retaken areas near Kyiv amid fear of traps.

UKRAINE : Ukrainian troops moved cautiously to retake territory north of the country's capital on Saturday, using cables to pull the bodies of civilians off the streets in one town out of fear that Russian forces might have booby-trapped them before leaving.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy warned in his nightly video address hours earlier that departing Russian troops were creating a "catastrophic" situation for civilians by leaving mines around homes, abandoned equipment and "even the bodies of those killed." His claims could not be independently verified. Associated press journalists in Bucha, a suburb northwest of Kyiv, watched Saturday as Ukrainian soldiers backed by a column of tanks and other armored vehicles used cables to drag bodies off of a street from a distance, fearing they might have been rigged to explode. Locals said the dead – the AP counted at least six – were civilians who were killed by departing Russian soldiers without provocation.

Monday, April 22nd, 2022

(2) STF nabs five with smuggled cigarettes.

Police Special task Force (STF) officers of Sri Jayawardenepura on a tip-off arrested five suspects along with two lorries bearing false number plates and a bulk of illegally imported cigarettes at Peliyagoda on Friday night.

The officers had recovered 3,990,000 sticks of cigarettes in their possession.

The suspects arrested are of the ages of 30, 34, 35, 46 and 48 and are residents of Colombo, Wattala, Kalubowila, Beruwala and Maggona.

They were to be produced before the Aluthkade No. 5 Magistrate on Saturday.
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(3) Man dies after fall from transmission tower.

A man died after falling off a high voltage transmission tower in Mirihana, along the Old Kottawa Road yesterday. He died on admission to the Kalubowila Hospital, police said.

The man was a 53 year old resident of Edirisnghe Road in Mirihana. He has been identified as an electrician by profession. Police are conducting investigations to identify if he had climbed the tower to commit suicide.

Mirihana Headquarters Police are conducting investigations.

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(4) Health Ministry gets US\$ 20mn for drug imports.

The Finance Ministry has provided US\$ 20 million to the Health Ministry for the procurement of medicines and medical equipment required for the next three months.

Health Minister Dr. Keheliya Rambukwella said that this would enable hospitals across the country to manage the supply of medicines without any shortage.

Monday, April 22nd, 2022

(a) Underline the most appropriate response in each of the questions from (i) to (v).

(i) Who has provided US \$ 20 million to the Health Ministry for drug imports?

(1) The Health Minister.

(2) The Ministry of Finance.

(3) The Police Task Force.

(4) The hospitals.

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- (ii) Which of the following incidents happened on Friday ?
- (1) Russian Ukranian War. (2) Arresting five with illegall cigarettes.
 (3) Twenty million for drug imports. (4) Death of the electrician.
- (iii) Who/What does the pronoun "His" refer to in the news item (i) ?
- (1) Ukranian President (2) Ukranian Soldiers.
 (3) Ukranian Civilians (4) Russian troops
- (iv) Which of the following is not given in the news item about the illegall cigarettes?
- (1) Number of police officers involved.
 (2) The ages of suspects.
 (3) Which police station carries investigations.
 (4) When the suspects were taken to custody.
- (v) The underlined phrase ;creating catatrophic situation' in the news item (i) most nearly means.
- (1) Creating a clean environment.
 (2) Creating a safe environment.
 (3) Creating an environment full of damage and suffering.
 (4) Creating a cheerful environment.

(b) Do the following statements agree with the information given in the above text ?
 In boxes (vi) – (x) write True, False or Not given.

True	If the statement is correct
False	If the statement is wrong
Not given	If there is no sufficient information.

(vi)	The man who died after falling off a high voltage transmission tower was a 53 year old electrician.	
(vii)	The Minister of Health said that US\$ 20 million is required to import the required drugs and medical equipment for the next three months.	
(viii)	The Russian President warned his troopes to move from the Ukranian territory	
(ix)	The suspects who were arrested were of the ages of 50, 34, 35, 46 and 48	
(x)	The police special task force (STF) officers arrested five suspects at Peliyagoda.	

Question 8

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)

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Part A - READING SKILLS (50 marks)

Question 1 (10 marks)

Read the following text in which some words are given in bold type. Then, **underline** the meaning that is **most appropriate** to the context for the words given in **bold type** from (1) to (05)

One day a son came to his father for an advice:

– Dad, I can't do this anymore, – he said, – those lessons only **exhaust** me, and the result doesn't change. It must be not destined for me to play football and my dream will never come true.

The father looked at his son with loving eyes and said:

– You know son, every person in life has a dream, a **goal** of his life. They are the ones that make us do what we are doing, because it's what we should do. We have to fight for what we believe in, what we feel. In other case, you will simply **brake**. Once – and for all.

The easiest way is to **quit** everything and not go until the end, because the path is difficult and we are not used to inconvenience. We want everything to be easy and at once. But the wishes are fleeting! This is how our dream dies, and the goal becomes **unreachable**.

Gradually, life becomes a routine without depth and meaning. Then one day, we try to forget and start everything from the beginning, we wait for a new day to make our life different. But new obstacles come in our way, and we stop again. We become full of despair and anger for our own helplessness.

But you only need to remember one thing: never give up, fight, battle. It doesn't matter that you have lost one battle and even dozens of battles. Life goes on! Your biggest enemies are hiding in you – laziness, fear, doubt, indecision. Be a warrior of your dream, a knight of your goal and a soldier of your wishes! insight

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| 1. Exhaust | a) throw away | b) finish | c) give up | d) encourage |
| 2. goal | a) hope | b) journey | c) objective | d) vision |
| 3. brake | a) expire | b) stop | c) pass | d) rest |
| 4. quit | a) give up | b) rest | c) plan | d) resign |
| 5. Unreachable | a) unsuccessful | b) unpredictable | c) erratic | d) unachievable |

question 2

Read the following Covering letter and answer questions 1 and 2. (10 marks)

Human resource manager,
ABC travels Ltd,
No, 20.
Jambugasmulla road,
Nugegoda.

Dear sir,

Application for the position of account clerk

Your recent advertisement in The Sunday Times for an Account clerk drew my attention as it appears to match my experience and abilities. I would also like to state that I am very keen to work for a company like yours that offers a competitive salary, Comprehensive benefits, opportunities for advancement and the rewards for service and **commitment**.

Currently I am employed as an account clerk where I am responsible for Keeping office and Bank records safely and on time records for all the transactions while at the same time giving passengers or clients helpful, courteous and professional customer service. I also have experience in bookkeeping and maintaining customer-oriented service and organizing travel routes.

I can operate computer software and Database Even I am ready to work long hours and weekends. I possess good working experience and I am Chartered qualified and no corruption charges against me for the past.

I have attached my curriculum vitae for your review and would like to thank you in advance for taking the time to read my application. My referees will confirm my positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

I am looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,
Chamila Dilrukshi,
No.22
Miriswatta,
Gampaha.

1. Do the following statements agree with the information given in the above text?
In the boxes 1 to 8 write **true** or **false**.

True	If the statement is correct
False	If the statement is false

Statements	
1. The letter is addressed to human resource manager	
2. According to the applicant, he has required qualification for the position.	
3. The applicant currently is an unemployed one.	
4. The job applicant's name is Chamila Dilrukshi	
5. According to the applicant he has corruption charges	
6. The applicant lives in Colombo	
7. The applicant has already attached the curriculum vitae	
8. She is applying for the bookkeeping	

2. Underline the most appropriate response.

a) The word 'it' most nearly means

1. The Sunday Times
2. Advertisement
3. The letter
- 4) The account clerk

b) the word '**Commitment**' most nearly means

1. Truthfulness 2 dedication 3. Truthfulness 4. Firm

Question 3

Read the following poem and answer the questions. (5 marks)

To a Daughter Leaving Home

When I taught you
at eight to ride
a bicycle, loping along
beside you
as you wobbled away
on two round wheels,
my own mouth rounding
in surprise when you pulled
ahead down the curved
path of the park,
I kept waiting
for the thud
of your crash as I
sprinted to catch up,
while you grew
smaller, more breakable
with distance,
pumping, pumping
for your life, screaming
with laughter,
the hair flapping
behind you like a
handkerchief waving

by Linda Pastan

1) The message of the poem "leaving home" spotlights,

- a) How hard it can be for parents to say goodbye for their daughter.
- b) How difficult to train and daughter to ride a bicycle.
- c) How difficult to giving away a daughter in a marriage.
- d) how difficult to bring up a daughter.

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2. What does mean" To a daughter leaving home". It means,

- a) A daughter stepping up in her own world.
- b) leaving for higher education
- c) getting married with a partner
- d) Leaving abroad for employment

3. In the poem "bike ride" compares the relationship of.....

- a) life and its difficulties
- b) relationship of a mother and a daughter
- c) life and its experiences
- d) relationship of the world and life

4. What does "I" refer to in the poem?

- a) A father
- b) A mother
- c) a mother and a father
- d) A father or a mother

5. The flapping hair symbolizes,

- a) A departure from parents
- b) how wind is blowing
- c) how she is saying goodbye to her parents
- d) the fast moving of the girl

question 4

4) Filling the blanks using one word from the passage in each space. (5 marks)

The food industry, one of the largest manufacturing industries, involves four stages. First, agriculture is the production of agricultural goods through cultivation and poultry farming. Modern technological improvements and practices have sharply increased yields. Major agricultural products can be grouped into food, fibers, fuel and raw materials. Second, manufacturing involves using techniques to transform raw ingredients into food. It uses harvested crops or slaughtered animal products to produce attractive and marketable food products. Marketing surveys customers' future needs through market research. It is the process of creating ways to be successful in selling a product or service. Lastly, food distribution is transporting food from one place to another involving transport infrastructure, food handling technology, storage, warehousing and logistics. Through distribution, food gets to the outlets for retail.

- 1) The food industry has _____ in the production process of agriculture.
- 2) Cultivation and poultry farming are two basic parts of _____
- 3) Modern machines are used in _____ process of food.
- 4) The most media campaigns involve in _____ stage.
- 5) The modern means of transport is used in _____ stage to deliver the food to customers.

Question 5

Read the following Essay on Elon Musk and do the activities that follow. (20 marks)

Elon Reeve Musk was born on June 28, 1971, the mother of Musk is Canadian, his father is South African, he went to the University of Pretoria before moving to Canada at 17 years old. He grew up in a home that had foundations in engineering and science. When he was in school, physics was the one subject that he was always good at. In addition, Elon's interest in physics was also inspired by Rich Feynman. While attending the University of Pennsylvania, Musk pursued a double major in physics and in business at the Wharton School. While his business education was excellent, Musk admits that he definitely preferred physics.

In 1995 he founded Zip2, a company that provides maps and Business directories to online newspapers. In 1999 Zip2 was bought by the computer manufacturer company for \$307 million, Peter became PayPal, which specialized in transferring money online. However, he was dissatisfied with the great expense of rocket launchers. In 2002 he founded Space Exploration Technologies (SpaceX) to make more affordable rockets.

Musk had long been interested in the possibilities of electric cars, and in 2004 he became one of the major funders of Tesla Motors, an electric company, In 2006 Tesla

introduced its first car, the Roadster, which could travel 245 miles on a single charge, this means that the future was coming quickly and it will revolutionize the world by his invention and electric cars that will help the planet to not be contaminated. Over time, his cars and his companies were being more and more admired by society, which his inventions will revolutionize the planet and help with the world. After so much fame, he decided to start working with NASA, in 2006 and 2009 the focus had its first success for the first time on September 28, 2008.

Elon Musk is my hero since he has been able to change the world in various ways, he has always sought the best of the planet and of humanity, he can really change our present to a place where there is no pollution, a place outside the disadvantages of our planet, Elon always looks for the easiest and most efficient way of things, he has such a great mentality that he can help anyone in the world, he is so admired by people that thanks to the happiness of his followers he can continue his projects and changing the world.

1.

Based on the information in the text, write true or False in the space provided beside each sentence.

- (a) Both Elon Musk's parents are from different nations (.....)
- (b) He first studied at University of Pretoria (.....)
- (c) He was interested in chemistry (.....)
- (d) He founded space X in 2002 (.....)
- (e) He introduced his first electric car in 2004 (.....)

2. Write one word for the following.

- a. A place where highest studies take place. _____
- b. The natural science that studies matter. _____
- c. A Commercial business _____
- d. A Celestial body moving around a star _____
- e. An individual or a collaborative enterprise to achieve a particular aim _____

part B - dialogues (25 marks)

question 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. (05 marks)

1. You are trying to study for your term this but you are brothers shouting and disturbing you

Don't _____

2. As you are not well you want to know how often you should take medicine.

Can you tell me _____?

3. You borrowed a book from Your friend to copy notes but you have forgotten to bring it back. You ask her to excuse you.

I'm sorry _____

4. You are at your aunt's house having tea. You find that there isn't any sugar in your tea and you would like to request an aunt for some sugar.

could _____?

5. While walking on the payment you see the lady walking in front of you has dropped her purse, you pick it up and hand it over to her.

Excuse me, is _____?

Question 7

Fill in appropriately the missing parts of the following dialogue. (05 marks)

Ruwani:- Sachini, why are you looking so unhappy?

Sachani:- _____

Ruwani:- cheer up Ruwani, I heard that many students got low marks in English

Sachini:- _____

I think you should attend the English class in your school regularly. who is your English teacher?

Ruwani:- _____

Sachini:- Yes I heard that she is a very good teacher. It is purely your fault for getting low marks.

Ruwani :- _____

Sachini:- Now that you have realized your mistake. You should make a sincere effort to improve your English.

Ruwani:- _____

Sachini:- yes, I agree with you. Reading widely in English should help. Further it is good to realize that learning more English is very necessary for your future progress in life.

Question 9

Select any 5 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 words in any tense. do not change the form of the words.
(05 marks)

Nouns	Manager, passenger
Verbs	
adjectives	Create, hate, expect
	Interesting, terrible
Adverbs	fast, seldom

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Question 10

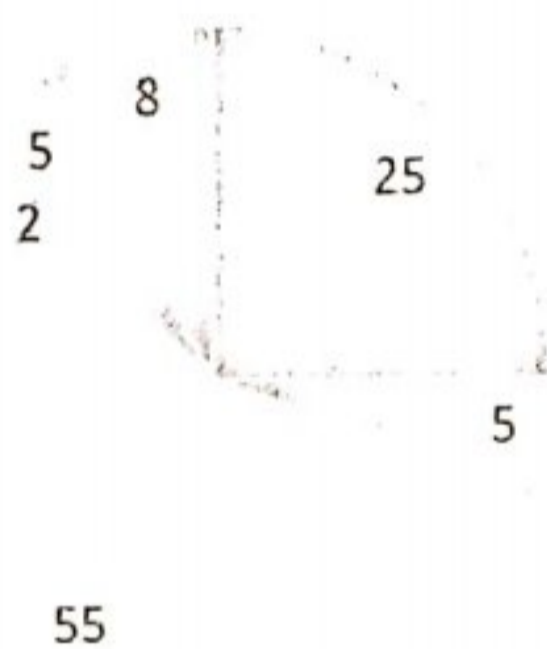
The following pie chart shows the passengers of children of Sirimavo Balika Vidyalaya using different modes of transport. (10 marks)

Write a description of using different modes of transport by the children. you can use the following words.

Maturity, less than, more than, most, least, equal number. (75 words)

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Question 11

(15 marks)

The Japanese Language campus is going to award 25 scholarships to Sri Lankans who are interested in improving their knowledge of Japanese. Write a letter to the coordinator describing why you need to improve Japanese. Ask to send you an application and other details as the commencement of the course, time and duration etc..... (Use 125-150 words)

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