

Mathugama Education Zone

Second Term Evaluation

General English - 01

Time -3 hrs

Name :

○ Part A

Question - 1

Fill in the blanks in the following text, using the prepositions given in the box.

(05 marks)

Rani hesitated at the door, nervously chewing a finger nail. She was fifteen minutes late and she felt that it would be very unwise to enter (1) an acceptable lie. The truth was that her bus had failed (2)turn up. In her rather remote part (3) the housing scheme. There was only one bus that could get her to town in good time. There she would have ample time to wait (4) another bus, that took her across the town (5)..... the industrial area. But today, her bus had failed to turn up at the usual time. The little familiar crowd that had waited with increasing agitation at the bus stop with her, had been as disappointed as she had been.

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Question - 2

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb given in the brackets.

(10 marks)

After god created the world he planted a beautiful garden in the east. Itwas.....the (be) land of Eden and in it (1) (be) trees bearing the most delicious fruit. God (2)(put) Adam into the garden, “ You can eat any fruit that is in the garden. ” He told him, but you (3) never(eat) the fruit

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of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Adam (4) (listen)
carefully and made up his mind never (5) (touch) the
fruit of that tree. He knew that if he (6) (eat) the fruit he would become
just. An ordinary mortal and he would die. As time went on Adam became lonely. God decided
he (7) (need) a companion and one, night, when Adam
(8) (be) asleep, he took one of his ribs and (9)
..... (Change) it into a woman. Adam called the woman Eva. It is a
word which also means “ life ”. They (10) (be) happy together for
a long time.

Question - 3

Underline the correct word to in the blank.

(10 marks)

One day. Mr. Mumble had a series of misfortunes he (is invited / Was invited / was
inviting) to attend the wedding ceremony of one of his close friends. He decided to go
(shopping / shops / shop) to buy a new shirt. At the shop (the / an / that) salesman showed him
a number of shirts. Mr. Mumble (selecting / selection / selected) a nice, blue shirt. It was just
the colour he liked. He gave it to the salesman (which / who / whose) volunteered to take it
to the cashier (while / when / until) Mr. Mumble looked (in / out / for) the credit card in his
pocket. When Mr. Mumble arrived (in / for /at) home, he unpacked his shopping, and found
that the cashier had given (her / him / his) a blue saree instead of the shirt. Unfortunately, he
had not checked his bag (after / before / until) leaving the counter.

Question - 4

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Complete the sentences using the most appropriate conjunction.

while until unless since as soon as when

(05 mark)

1. You learn some English you won't find a better job.
2. Ranjith was reading a story book his sister was sweeping the floor.
3. the bell rang all of us rushed to the play ground.
4. Farmers cannot plough their paddy fields the rains begin to fall.
5. The principal didn't take serious notice of the boys action it was the last day of the term.

Question - 5

Underline the correct word ending from those given within brackets.

(05 mark)

In many parts of the world there is starvation due to the low production of food.

However, food is necessary not only to (1) satis (faction / fy / factory) hunger, ill health due to a poor diet is (2) know (n / ing / s) as malnutrition. In most cases, malnutrition is due not to lack of food, but to lack of (3) know (ing / ledge / s) about food. Malnutrition is most common and severe in children under five years of age. People tend to think the problem is something for doctors or the (4) minis (ter / try / terial) of health to solve. It is true that (5) medi (cine / cinal / cal) staff are necessary to cure diseases due to malnutrition, but the solution is not cure but prevention.

Part - B

Question - 6

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Of the options given below each sentence in bold print, underline the one that best expresses meaning.

(05 mark)

1) Mr, Weerasinghe, whom Ajith's father counsulted is a lawyer.

- I. Mr. Weerasinghe is a lawyer.
- II. Ajith's father is a lawyer.
- III. Ajith consulted Mr. Weerasinghe.

2) No person dined with the queen but the two princesses.

- I. Only the queen and two princesses had dined.
- II. The queen and the two princesses dined together.
- III. All the people dined with the queen.

3) Not a single English book was left unsold.

- I. No people bought any English book.
- II. The English books were all sold out.
- III. Only a single English book was left.

4) Besides Nimali, there were two others in the room.

- I. Two persons were sitting by Nimali's side.
- II. Two persons were sitting on either side of Nimali.
- III. Nimali and two others were in the room.

5) Mr. Perera was heard giving orders.

- I. Mr. Perera gave orders.
- II. Mr.Perera heard the orders.
- III. Mr. Perera was given orders.

Question - 7

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A) Read the following newspaper notice and underline the correct option to the given questions. (10 mark)

Pointing competition for children

Wildlife is very valuable to us. Therefore, we must protect it. We are organizing a painting competition to select pictures to the covers of the monthly wildlife Magazine.

We invite children of all school to participate in the competition. You will not only win prizes for yourself but also for your school.

Theme – Protect wildlife

1) Age group : 13 – 19 years : 4 winners + 4 runners up

2) Age group : 7– 12 years : 2 winners + 2 runners up

The two categories will be awarded 5 consolation prizes each.

Prizes :

Winner :- individuals Rs.25000/= school Rs. 15000/=

Runner up :- individuals Rs.10000/= school Rs. 5000/=

Consolation prizes :- individual only Rs.2500/=

Entries :

- a) Each participant can send only one entry.
- b) Entries must be in colour. Black and white entries will not be accepted.
- c) Entries must be sent through the principal of the school.
- d) The decision of the association is final.
- e) All entries should reach the following address on or before the 16th January 2005.

Secretary,
Sri Lanka wildlife
Association,
6, green gardens,
Colombo 06.

A) Underline the most appropriate answer

1.Prizes will be awarded

- i. only for the winners
- ii. only for the school
- iii. for both winners and the school

2.Both age groups will get

- i. Five consolation prizes
- ii. Ten consolation prizes
- iii. Two consolation prizes

3. The association will spend Rs.....for 7-12 age group runner up schools.

- i. Rs. 20000/=
- ii. Rs. 10000/=
- iii. Rs. 30000/=

4. One who wins the first place under13-19 age group will get.

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Second Term Evaluation

General English- 02

- Time -3 hrs.

Name :

Question - 1

Select the word that is closest in meaning to the underline word. (10 marks)

- 1) Disasters like earthquakes never occur in Sri Lanka (strange incidents / grave errors / great misfortunes.)
- 2) The chairman refused to change the date of the next meeting. (agreed / wanted / disliked)
- 3) The government of Sri Lanka has started gigantic development scheme. (national / very large / quick)
- 4) The stranger was gazing at me for a long time. (looking sadly / looking hard / looking angrily)
- 5) Wild elephants have entirely destroyed the poor farmer's chena. (quickly / completely / cruelly)
- 6) You need to get the approval of the Zonal Director to launch the project. (advice / consent / encouragement)
- 7) Ladies specially take long hours to select dresses. (stitch / choose / compare)
- 8) It was a great delight for me to meet my old friend. (surprise / opportunity / happiness)
- 9) The speaker thanked everyone before he concluded his speech. (ended / started / opened)
- 10) The master gave a handsome reward to the loyal servant. (good / clever / faithful)

Question - 2

Read the following passages carefully and answer the question. (10 marks)

My mother came to the doorway and drew me close to her as if she were sorry, with her hand clutching my head. I could not cry any more now, but still ; and even then the guns went on firing. And sometimes birds silently flew between the trees away from the sound. I wondered it was fighting near the house.

The next day it was so cold again. My mother made me a jacket out of an old coat of father's. I wore it instead of my other jacket when I went out. She had drawn the sheet over the baby's face, So that it could now lay in a kind of little house in his cradle. I thought I would please mother. So I read out some lines in the bible. But the candle burned very sooty and smoky so that I could not read very well, and left out the long words.

The next morning my mother told me to go down to the village and tell the priest about the baby and that it could be buried in the churchyard. I went on whistling, but it was more than five miles to the village. The robins were singing on the twigs and I saw some crows flying in the sky.

And while I was walking along and looking for berries, I heard a noise in the distance, of men running and then the sound of a rifle quite near. I hid behind a tree, and when the forest was quite again I ran home. But I did not like to tell mother that I had been frightened of the soldiers because she had called me a coward already. So I said instead that the priest was nowhere to be found in the village.

a)

1) Where do you think the family lived ?

.....

2) What does the word 'it' in the first line of the 2nd paragraph refer to ?

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3) The boys told his mother a lie. What is the lie he told his mother?

.....

4) What do you think has happened to the baby?

.....

5) The boy was very much worried about himself. Write the line that shows it?

.....

b) Read the text. Find words similar in meaning to the following words / phrases.

1) Quietly

2) A place where babies are kept for sleeping

3) A clergyman

4) Faraway

5) Searching

Question - 3

Read the poem and answer the question.

(5 marks)

The boy who lives down our street.

I know a boy who lives down our street,
He has got defective feet.
He's always looking sad
Which always makes me mad
He's never happy, he's never gay
He hardly ever comes out to play.
When he does, the kids all bully him because he cannot run,
And this they think spoils their fun.
They take away his crutches and make him fall to the floor.
And if he doesn't get up, they bully him all the more.

1) What is wrong with the boy ?

.....

2) Find words similar in meaning to the following words.

1. Unhappy =

2. Children =

3) What does “ which ” in the line 4 refer to ?

.....

4) Underline the incorrect statement.

1. The writer is much worried about the boy.
2. The boy comes out to play with much difficulty.
3. The other boys get some fun by bullying the boy.

5) When do the other boys bully him even more?

.....

Question - 4

Based on the following passage, fill in the blanks in the text given below. Use only one word. (05 mark)

Home accidents, next to road accidents are a leading cause of death and permanent disablement. The majority of the victims are infants, children and the elderly. Each year hundreds fall victims to accidents in the home. Many of the injuries are wounds received usually as a result of negligence or as the result of the improper use of handling of physical objects, accidental falls, fire, being struck by falling or moving objects, improper or careless handling of electrical appliances and accidental poisoning. Perhaps the most common minor injuries in home environs are caused by cutting or pointed instruments left carelessly about reach of children mostly under five. Scissors and knives in the hands of little children are extremely dangerous. In the home environment people frequently move about within a relatively confined space prevention efforts could be directed towards the elimination, control and avoidance of the source.

Home accidents have become the second major Of deaths. Mostly affected are elderly people and A lot of injuries occur due to Careless leaving of sharpened in homes is also another cause for home accidents. Since the room provided in a house is quite confined measures of have to be taken into consideration.

Question - 5

Read the following passage and answer the question.

“Prevention is better than cure” and it is recognized that the only way to get rid of malaria completely is to get rid of the mosquitoes which cause it. Malaria is always associated with damp and marshy lands. This is not because the land is damp, but because the standing water is the breeding place of the mosquito which begins its life as a larva living in the water. Malaria does not frequently occur in dry desert countries because mosquitoes cannot breed there. The only way to destroy mosquitoes is to prevent their breeding in standing water. This can be done by draining all ponds and pools and by keeping them covered in the breeding season with a film of kerosene oil, which. By depriving the larvae of air, kills them.

1) How can malaria be prevented ?

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2) In what places does malaria occur most ?

.....

3) Why is malaria impossible to breed in dry desert ?

.....

4) What is the first stage of a mosquito called ?

.....

(a) Say whether these statements are true (\checkmark) or false (\times).

1) Malaria is caused by mosquitoes.

2) Mosquitoes can breed even in the flowing water.

3) By destroying breeding places malaria cannot be prevented.

4) Even in the dry areas mosquitoes can breed.

(b) Find similar words

(c) what do these underlined

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words refer to

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(20 marks)

Part B - dialogues

Question - 6

How do you respond in the following situation?

(05 mark)

1) You want to know the price of a pair of shoes.

How much

2) A tourist wants to get to the bank. How would he ask?

How

3) You suggest your father to go on a picnic during vacation.

Shall.....

4) You offer a cup of tea to your relation.

Would

5) You want to go to the market with your mother

Shall

Question - 7

Complete the dialogue with appropriate utterances.

Romesh is in a plane traveling to England. He finds it difficult to fill in the disembarkation form. And gets help from the stewardess. (5 marks)

Romesh : could you please fill this form for me ?

Stewardess : certainly,

Romesh : Wimalasena

Stewardess :

Romesh : yes that's my surname. My first name Romesh.

Stewardess : what country are you from?

Romesh :

Stewardess :

Romesh :145, Kandy road, Pasyala

Stewardess :

Romesh : I am an accountant.

(10Marks)

Question - 8

You want to get the membership of the public library in your area. You meet the librarian. Write out the dialogue that takes place between the librarian and you. Each one should speak at least five times.

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Question - 9

Select any five words from the list given below and write five meaningful sentences. You may use the verb in any tense. (5 marks)

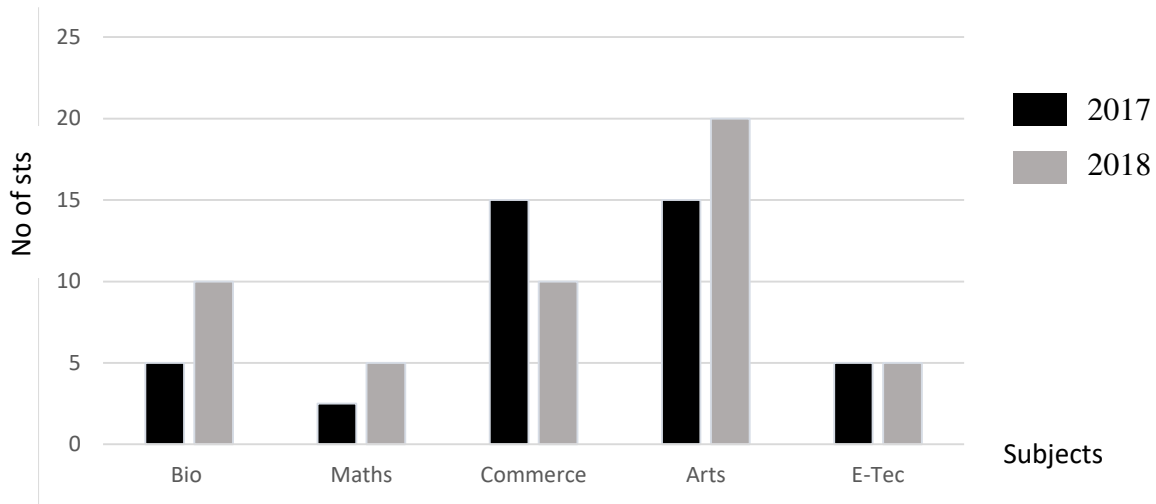
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| Scientific | Successfully | Explain |
| Production | Hesitate | Quickly |
| Valuable | Baneficial | efficiently |

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)

Question - 10

(15Marks)

The following chart shows the results od G.C.E (A/L) examination of Vijayaba Central College in Anuradapura in the years 2017 and 2018. Study the chart and write a description about it.



Question – 11

One of your friends has won a scholarship to go to Australia for higher studies write a letter expressing your happiness. (100words)

Include,

Congratulate him/her

express your happiness

how you and your friend worked together in school

give him/her a piece of advice

(15 marks)

Question – 12

You are the secretary of Social Services Association of your school. The Association has decided to conduct a special programme at “Home for the Blind” in Kaluthara. you have heard that Ministry of Social Services extends support to conduct such programmes. write a letter requesting for funds to the secretary of the Ministry.

include,

(15 marks)

- What the special programme is.
- When and where the programme will be conducted.
- Why you hope to conduct it.
- How you plan to help the blind with the funds.

Question – 13

Dangerous diseases are spreading throughout the world, and they have become epidemics this has severely affected in the lives of people and development of countries write an essay about, “Health is Wealth”

include

- What health is.
- Various diseases spreading.
- How they affect people.
- What we should do to prevent from them.

(20 marks)