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Grade
12

THIRD TERM TEST - 2019

General English

School :

Name of the Student/ Index No :
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Time : 3 hrs.

Answer all the questions.

Part A- Grammar and Vocabulary

Question 01

Fill in each blank with a suitable preposition from the list given below. Use each word only once.

(5 marks)

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Ray Wijewardene was brilliant and innovative. He had an open and inquisitive mind. He found practical solutionsproblems faced by ordinary Sri Lankans. One.....his best known inventions was the land master. Before this, the imported tractors usedfarmers were too large and expensive. The land master was much more affordable.....them and therefore became very popularSri Lankan farmers.

Question 02

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

Malacca is one of the Malaysian's most important states. In the 15th century, Malacca(come) under foreign rule. Ships.....(stop) over at Malacca port, which is located half way on their journey Eastward or Westward. Traders and sailors from all over the world refuel here and replenish their supplies before they.....(continue) their journey. Admiral Chang Ho(make) his first official visit to the port of Malacca. He(bring) with him Princess Hang Li Po and many Chinese young men. They married the local Malay women. Malacca(grow) into a famous port with more and more traders stopping over.....(sell) their goods. The British(introduce) tin mining and rubber plantation in Malacca. Even now the influence of Portuguese and British architecture.....(can see) here. Malacca(attract) a large number of tourists every year.

Question 03

Underline the correct word ending selecting from the letter/letters within brackets. (5 marks)

1. English is a relat.....(ion/ed/ively) easy language to learn.
2. English will help you to become more educat.....(ing/ed/ion)
3. Learn.....(ing/ers/ed) a second language is good for your brain.
4. Some of the greatest books and plays are writ.....(ing/ten/e) in English.
5. You can travel to many countries in the world and communicat.....(ing/ed/e) with people in English.

Part B – Reading and Writing

Question 01

Underline the option that best expresses the meaning of the sentence. (5 marks)

1. I wish I had done the term test well
 - a. I have done the term test well
 - b. I think I have done the term test well
 - c. I didn't do the term test well
2. Kishanee stopped to speak to Kasuni
 - a. Kishanee waited to speak to Kasuni.
 - b. Kishnee stopped speaking with Kasuni
 - c. Kishnee asked Kasuni nit to speak to her.
3. He rarely needs to go into the city except to do some shopping.
 - a. He always goes to the city, but he does not do shopping there.
 - b. It is mainly to do shopping that he goes to the city.
 - c. He does not go the city for shopping.
4. Shehan carried a parcel which was as heavy as Mahesh's.
 - a. Shehan's parcel was heavier than Mahesh's parcel
 - b. Both parcels were almost equally heavy.
 - c. Both parcels were not heavy.
5. If Sumal had asked Naveen, he could have lent the book.
 - a. Sumal did not ask for the book.
 - b. Naveen lent the book to Sumal.
 - c. Naveen did not ask for the book.

Question 02

Fill in the blanks of the following text using the words given.

(10 marks)

to term health primary five public a ago poor her

Children in developing countries are healthier and more likely to survive past the age of..... when their mothers can read and write. Experts inhealth accepted this idea decades..... , but until now no one has been able show that a woman's ability to read in itself improveschildren's chances of survival. More literate women learnt to read in school, and the fact thatwoman has had an education may simply indicate her family's wealth or that it values its children more highly. Now a long study carried out in Nicaragua has eliminated these factors by showing that teaching readingadult women has a direct effect on their children'sand survival.

Paper II

Part A- Reading skills

Question 01

Read the following letter and find similar words from the text, with same or nearly same meaning to the words listed below. (5 marks)

No 123,

Flower road,

Kandy.

16t July 2019

Dear Nishan,

I hope you are enjoying your vacation. I have just returned to my native village where I spent my childhood.

I was greatly surprised to note how the village has changed completely within a short period of time. When I was a child, I could see only bullock carts and a few bicycles moving along the narrow and uneven road that goes through my village. The road was almost deserted at that time. But now there is a 40 feet carpeted road with lot of traffic flowing through it.

I remember that, most of the villagers lived in small thatched houses. Now they have modern terraced houses and small apartments as well. The primary school where I studied has now become a Higher Secondary school.

A decade ago, the village had just a primary health centre. Now there is a well equipped 30 bed hi-tech private clinic with residential medical staff. Nishan, you must go there to see for yourself the interesting changes that have occurred in that small village.

Take care,

Bye.

Binara.

1.holidays.....

2. came back.....

3.totally.....

4. amazed.....

5. without much traffic or people.....

6. not smooth.....

7. ten years.....

8. elementary.....

9. not public.....

10. inhabited.....

Question 02

Read the following poem and do the activities given.

(5 marks)

Henry King

The chief defect of Henry King
Was chewing little bits of strings.
At last he swallowed some which tied
Itself in ugly knots inside.
Physicians of the utmost fame,
Were called at once, but when they came
They answered, as they took their fees,
“There is no cure for this disease.
Henry will very soon be dead”
His parents stood about his bed
Lamenting his untimely death.
When Henry, with his latest breath,
Cried-“oh, my friends, be warned by me.
That breakfast, dinner, lunch and tea
Are all the human fame requires.”
With that, the wretched child expired.

1. Write one word from the poem which means the same as the following.
 - a. fault.....
 - b. main.....
2. Who does the pronoun “They” in line 7 refer to?.....
3. Which of the following statements is true? Underline it.
 - a. Henry was a king.
 - b. His parents were happy about it
 - c. he was in the habit of eating strings
 - d. the doctors could cure him
4. What words tell that the doctors were well known?.....
5. Finally, what happened to Henry ?.....

Question 03

Read the following text and do the activities that follow.

(10 marks)

The wild elephants are the symbol of wildlife and give an attraction to our country. It is very clear by the large number of tourists visiting Yala, Handapanagala, Bundala and other elephant habitats. The 2011 census had recorded 5879 wild elephants, but that number is dwindling with an average 150 animals getting killed each year. Shooting and poisoning, “Hakkapatas” and being knocked down by trains attribute to this sad situation. It is common knowledge that elephants need a large home range according to **their** forage, behavior and spend about hours a day feeding. It is mainly because of this reason, that the competition for land between man and elephant has arisen.

We see human-..... conflicts have been in the Mahaweli project areas established in the 1970s’ and in many human settlements in elephant corridors, which elephants have been used to move and feed for years. These settlements have been used to move and feed for years. These settlements are without any acceptable Environment Impact Assessment (EIA). Successive governments and private companies have implemented large scale development or business projects in high elephant density areas. Most of **them** do not come under the EIA. Most projects displace elephants’ home ranges, resulting in elephants raiding villages. This is very clear in the Hambanthota district where recent development projects have chased away elephants from their usual habitats.

Although the Wildlife Department has adopted the electric fencing system to keep the elephants away, its effectiveness and longevity to a large scale depends on maintenance, which on the part of villagers is low. Human encroachment on elephant habitats and corridors should be stopped. Proper studies should be done prior to development projects being implemented in these areas. There is no single solution for this problem.

1. What is clear by the large number of tourists visiting Sri Lanka?
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2. Write a solution for the human- elephant conflict
.....
3. Write T (true) if the sentence is correct and F (false) if the sentence is wrong.
 - a. The projects allow elephants to live in their natural habitats. (.....)
 - b. The number of elephants are dwindling each year. (.....)
4. Which of the following is the most appropriate word to fill in the blank in the paragraph 2 line?
a. human b. wildlife c. elephant d. projects
5. Who or what do the pronouns in bold print in the text refer to?
their (paragraph 1)..... **them**(paragraph 2).....
6. Find a words from the text which have the similar meaning for the following phrases.
 - a. Natural home.....
 - b. Decreasing number.....
 - c. Life span.....

Part B- Dialogues

Question 01

How do you respond in each of the following situations? Write only one sentence or question for each situation. Begin with the words given. (5 marks)

1. Your English teacher tells you the date and time (19th July at 9.00 am) of the next meeting of your English Literary Association. You are asked to announce it to the other classes.

The next meeting.....

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2. One of your friends invites you to watch the movie” Avengers end game” with him. Reject the invitation giving a reason.

I.....

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3. You want to go to the Railway Station. Ask someone to direct you.

Could you

3. A doctor advises a patient not to take alcohol. Give reasons.

You

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4. You are the Managing Director of a company. Advise an employer to be punctual.

You.....

Question 02

A friend of yours had a severe headache in the school and he/she was admitted to the hospital. You want to give this message to his/her mother. Write the telephone conversation take place between you and the friend's mother. Each one should speak at least 5 lines. (10 marks)

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Part C- Writing

Question 01

Select any 5 words and write 5 meaningful sentences. You may use any tense. (5 marks)

arrive	hero	obedient	experience
selfish	labour	expect	honest

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2.
3.
4.
5.

Question 02

Imagine that you have won the first place in a reality show organized by a TV channel. Write a letter to your uncle who is living in a foreign country about your experience. Use about 100 words.(10 marks)

You may include the following.

- How you were selected
- Who helped you
- Challenges you faced
- How you felt at Grand Finale
- The presents you got.

Question 03

Write an article to the school magazine on “Sri Lanka’s popular person”. Use about 200 words. Include the following. (15 marks)

- For what and why he/she is popular
- His or her service/achievements
- Why people like him/her