



○ PART A - GRAMMAR and VOCABULARY [20 marks]

Question 01

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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The lawyer sat (1) his new office, waiting for a client all morning. Finally, upon seeing a client entering (2) the door, the lawyer quickly picked up the telephone, pretending to look busy. “No, thank you. I will not be taking your case, even (3) a hundred thousand rupees”, exclaimed the lawyer (4) putting it down and turning to his client. “How may I help you today, Sir”, asked the lawyer proudly.

“Sir I’m (5) the telephone company”, replied the man. “I came here to activate your new telephone”.

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Question 02

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

In an old saloon bar, a huge cowboy (1) (drink)

alone. After he (2) (finished) his drink, he stood up, paid for his drink and stepped outside, where he kept his horse (3) (wait). Not more than thirty seconds passed, he reappeared in the doorway.

“Who (4) (steal) my horse? ”, his voice echoed. Nothing but silence (5) (hear) from the bar full of people. “Alright”, he said. “ I (6) (wait) -five minutes at the bar, and if my horse isn’t there in five minutes, I’m gonna do what I did in Carson city”.

Everyone was now terrified,(7)(wonder) what would happen if his horse was not (8) (return) that day.

After five minutes he stands up, walks slowly out of the door, and his horse (9) (be) there. Everyone breathed a sigh of relief. But an old cowboy who gathered his courage, slowly approached the huge man and asked timidly, “Excuse me, but, what did you do in Carson city?”. The cowboy replied, “Well, I (10)(walk) home.

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Question 03

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

- (1) The team’s hard work and dedicat..... (ly/ ion/ ed) led the team to victory.
- (2) The teacher provided clear explain..... (ed/ ing/ ation) of the complex math problem.
- (3) The magician performed and amaz..... (ly/ ing/ able) trick that left the audience in awe.

- (4) Everyone admired the artist's paint..... (ing/ er/ ed) displayed in the art gallery.
- (5) Unfortunately, the thunderstorm caus..... (ly/ ing/ ed) the outdoor event to be canceled.

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○ **PART B - READING and WRITING [40 marks]**

Question 04

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

- (1) **He could have won the game if he had tried.**
- (a) He tried and won the game.
 - (b) He tried but lost the game.
 - (c) He won the game without trying.
 - (d) He did not try, and lost the game.
- (2) **Mr. Silva will accept the job, provided that he could take the weekends off.**
- (a) Mr. Silva has accepted the job with the weekends off.
 - (b) Mr. Silva has not accepted the job because he couldn't take the weekends off.
 - (c) Mr. Silva will accept the job only if he can take the week-days off.
 - (d) Mr. Silva will not accept the job if he cannot take the weekends off.
- (3) **Malith said "I prefer tea to coffee".**
- (a) Malith likes coffee more than tea.
 - (b) Malith likes tea more than coffee.
 - (c) Malith likes every drink from tea to coffee.
 - (d) Malith likes tea no more than he likes coffee.
- (4) **He went to the supermarket despite the storm warnings.**
- (a) He neglected the storm warnings and went to the supermarket.
 - (b) He went to the supermarket unaware of the storm.
 - (c) He went to the supermarket before the storm warnings were given.
 - (d) He went to the supermarket after the storm was over.
- (5) **Contrary to popular belief, Area 51 was free from alien activities.**
- (a) Many did not believe that there were alien activities in Area 51.
 - (b) As everyone had believed, there were no alien activities in Area 51.
 - (c) Nobody believed that there were alien activities in Area 51.
 - (d) Many did not believe that Area 51 was free from alien activities.

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Question 05

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) - (10) **(10 marks)**

ChatGPT, created by OpenAI, is an (1) **advanced** artificial intelligent language model that has revolutionized natural language processing. It is based on the GPT-3.5 programme architecture, making it highly (2) **capable** of understanding and generating human-like text. Its (3) **versatility** extends to a wide range of applications. ChatGPT can provide (4) **instant** answers to questions, offer explanations on complex topics and aid in (5) **creative** writing, code generation and language translation tasks. ChatGPT's sophisticated algorithms enable it to engage in natural and (6) **coherent** conversations with users. Despite its (7) **impressive** capabilities, ChatGPT is not without its limitations. It may occasionally produce (8) **plausible** - sounding, yet incorrect or biased responses, reflecting the data it was trained on. OpenAI is committed to (9) **refining** the system to (10) **mitigate** these shortcomings and promote the responsible use of artificial intelligence.

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(1) advanced	latest	high-level	forward	innovative
(2) capable	competent	unable	consistent	clever
(3) versatility	gullibility	credibility	adaptability	purity
(4) instant	quick	easy	careless	stable
(5) creative	corrosive	inventive	adaptive	invasive
(6) coherent	vague	logical	cynical	just
(7) impressive	beautiful	dreadful	acceptable	extraordinary
(8) plausible	illegal	credible	meaningless	certain
(9) refining	repairing	reducing	clarifying	commanding
(10) mitigate	increase	produce	reduce	promote

Question 06

Read the following text and answer the questions from (1) - (6). (20 marks)

- ① J. Robert Oppenheimer was a **prominent** American physicist and one of the key figures behind the development of the atomic bomb during World War 2. Born on April 22, 1904, in New York City, Oppenheimer's early academic brilliance was evident during his time at Harvard University, where he studied theoretical physics. He pursued a Ph. D in theoretical physics at the University of Gottigen in Germany, where he worked under the guidance of renowned physicist Max Born. **His** early research focused on quantum mechanics, establishing him as a rising star in the scientific community. His curiosity and dedication set him on a path that would forever change the course of history.
- ② During World War 2, Oppenheimer was appointed as the scientific director of the top-secret Los Alamos Laboratory, known as "the Manhattan Project". It was a top-secret endeavour aimed at developing the world's first atomic bomb. Oppenheimer was ordered to assemble a brilliant team of scientists and engineers to develop a nuclear weapon before the Nazi leader 'Adolf Hitler'. Among **them** were notable figures like Richard Feynman and Enrico Fermi. Also contributions from other scientists like Albert Einstein played a major role in the developing of the bomb.
- ③ On July 16, 1945, the first atomic bomb was successfully tested in the New Mexico desert, forever changing the course of human history. The momentous occasion left Oppenheimer with a mix of emotions, captured his famous quote from the Bhagavad Gita, "Now I am become Death, the destroyer of worlds". The destructive power of the atomic bomb raised profound ethical questions about **its** use and initiated a new era in global politics known as the "nuclear age". Two final nuclear bombs know as "Little boy" and "Fat man", developed by Oppenheimer and his team caused massive destruction in the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan, which led to the surrender of the Japanese Empire to the allies, followed by the end of World War 2 in September 2, 1945.
- ④ After the war, Oppenheimer faced political scrutiny due to his left-leaning affiliations during the 1930s and 40s. In 1945, he faced a security hearing that ultimately led to the revocation of his security clearance. However, he later told that his only regret was not that thousands of people had been killed, but that they hadn't developed the bomb earlier.
- ⑤ In conclusion, Robert Oppenheimer's work not only played a significant role in the outcome of World War 2 but also shaped the trajectory of nuclear physics and the broader implications of nuclear technology on humanity. His legacy stands as a reminder of the responsibility scientists bear in their pursuit of knowledge and the impact **their** discoveries can have on the world.

- (1) Do the following statements agree with the information given in the above text? In boxes (a) - (f), write **True** or **False**. (6 marks)

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

	Statements	
(a)	Oppenheimer studied theoretical physics in the university of Harvard	
(b)	Oppenheimer's early academic proficiency was poor	
(c)	Oppenheimer was appointed the director of the Manhattan Project	
(d)	The first atomic bomb testing was successfully done in a desert in New York City	
(e)	Oppenheimer did not regret that thousands of people had been killed off by his bomb	
(f)	Scientists bear no responsibility in the impact their discoveries can have on the world	

(2) **Underline** the most appropriate response to complete the following sentences. **(2 marks)**

- (I) The word '**prominent**' in paragraph ① most nearly means
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| (a) dangerous | (b) important |
| (c) profound | (d) notorious |

- (II) The word '**its**' in paragraph ③ refers to
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| (a) destruction's | (b) atomic bomb's |
| (c) politics' | (d) war's |

(3) In which paragraph do you include the following information if you wish to extend each paragraph further?

Match the information with the paragraphs of the text and write the number of the paragraph in the relevant box. **(3 marks)**

	Information	Number of the paragraph
(a)	Other scientist's contributions in the Manhattan project	
(b)	Oppenheimer's childhood and education	
(c)	Oppenheimer's continuity of his research after the war	

(4) Write the famous quote from the Bhagavad Gita said by Oppenheimer after the first atomic bomb testing was successful. **(1mark)**

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(5) Who or what do the following pronouns in **bold** print refer to? (3 marks)

- (a) **His** (paragraph ①) -
- (b) **them** (paragraph ②) -
- (c) **their** (paragraph ⑤) -

(6) Write one word in each blank, selecting from the passage, which means the same as the following. (5 marks)

- (a) clearly seen or understood -
- (b) gather together in one place -
- (c) relating to moral principals -
- (d) official cancellation -
- (e) the path followed (by something) -

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Question 07

Complete the following dialogue between two classmates. One is talking about a new business opportunity and wants the other to join in. Do **not** use **more than two** sentences/ questions in blank. (05 marks)

- Vihanga : Good evening, Ryan. How are you doing?
- Ryan : Good evening Vihanga. I've actually been busy lately. How about you?
- Vihanga : I've been good, but I want to talk to you about an exciting business opportunity.
- Ryan : Oh really? (1)?
- Vihanga : This business opportunity is an international investment company. You can invest money and earn a profit.
- Ryan : (2)?
- Vihanga : You need to invest two thousand rupees to join.
- Ryan : (3)?

Vihanga : You can earn a profit by recruiting others to join and invest in the company.

Ryan : (4)
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Vihanga : Yes, this is a legal business within the country.

Ryan : Well, I don't think so. This sounds like a pyramid scheme to me.

Vihanga : Excuse me, (5)
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Ryan : A pyramid scheme is an illegal business model where you earn money primarily by recruiting other members.

Vihanga : Really, I did not know that. Thank you for informing me. Sorry about the trouble Ryan.

Ryan : No problem Vihanga. Be careful next time. Goodbye.

Vihanga : Goodbye, see you later.

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PART C

○ WRITING SKILLS [40 marks]

Question 08

The bar chart below shows the number of foreign tourists who has visited Sri Lanka within years 2018 - 2019 in the months of May, June, July and August. Describe the information by reporting the main features and making comparisons where relevant. Use about **75** words.

(10 marks)

Question 09

The number of dengue patients in your area has risen significantly due to the high volume of mosquitoes in the area. Write a letter of complaint to the officer in charge of the M.O.H in your area. In your letter, include the following:

- Brief description of the problem
- Ask the officer for a solution for the problem
- Provide your suggestions for this problem (conduct area checkups, awareness programmes for the public etc.)

Use about **100 - 125** words.

(10 marks)

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