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Second Term Test

Nº 001601

GRADE NINE

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Time-2 hours  
Writing Test 1 hr & 50 min  
Listening Test 10 min

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Answer all the questions on the paper itself

**01) Complete the following instructions with suitable adverbs given in the box. One is done for you.**

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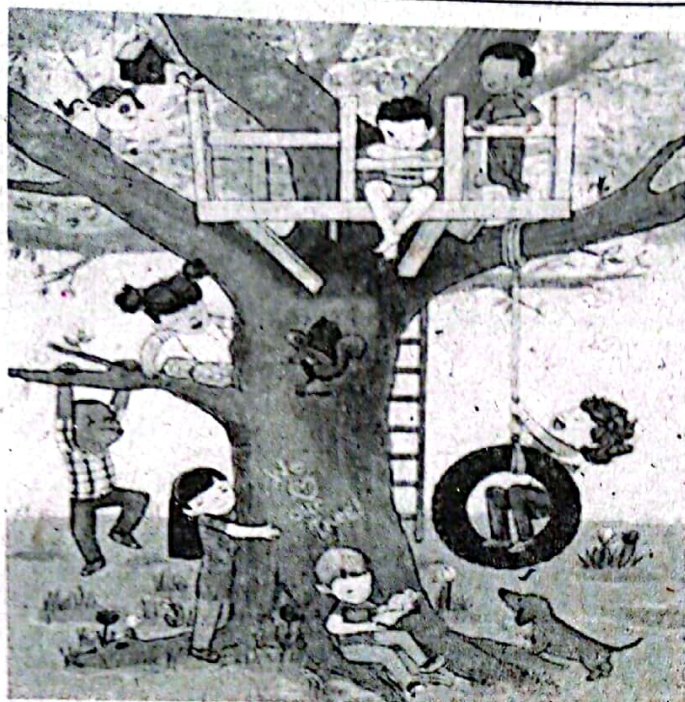
- a) Don't walk 1. ....fast.... You will fall.
- b) Look right; look left and look right again. If the road is clear, cross the road  
2.....
- c) Arrange the desks 3..... in a line.
- d) Check your inbox. If the email is not there, 4....., it should be  
in your trash.
- e) Please attend the final practices if you are not 5.....  
ill.
- f) Do not smoke. It kills you 6.....

(5 marks )



02) Study the following picture and complete the paragraph on Ama's holiday. Use the prepositions given in the box to fill in the blanks. *One is done for you.*

of beneath up from of beside underneath among to at for



This picture shows how Ama spends her day out in the country side with her friends. Two of her friends, Lasan and Neelan are 1. up in a tree house. There are two bird houses 2. .... the tree house. The wheel swing is 3. .... the tree house. Nimsara is swinging it. The puppy 4. .... Ama is playing 5. .... the swing. Umesh is hanging 6. .... the branch where Nimna is sitting. She is looking 7. .... the squirrel that has come out 8. .... its hole. Ama loves 9. .... be outdoors a lot. She has been waiting 10. .... this day a lot. There are

only two girls 11. .... these children.

(½ x10-5 marks)

03) Answer the questions on the dictionary page give below.

**an|chor|age** /ˈæŋkərɪdʒ/ (anchorages) **N-VAR**  
An **anchorage** is a place where a boat can anchor safely. □ The nearest safe anchorage was in Halifax, Nova Scotia... The vessel yesterday reached anchorage off Dubai.

**an|chor|man** /ˈæŋkərˌmæn/ (anchormen) also **an|chor man**. **N-COUNT**  
The **anchorman** on a television or radio programme, especially a news programme, is the person who presents it.

**an|chor|woman** /ˈæŋkərˌwʊmən/ (anchorwomen) **N-COUNT**  
The **anchorwoman** on a television or radio programme, especially a news programme, is the woman who presents it.

**an|cho|vy** /ˈæntʃəvi, ˌæm-ˈtʃʊvi/ (anchovies) **N-VAR**  
**Anchovies** are small fish that live in the sea. They are often eaten salted.

**an|cien|re|gime** /ˈɑːnsjən reɪʒɪm/ **N-SING**  
[1] The **ancien regime** was the political and social system in France before the revolution of 1789. [2] If a country has had the same political system for a long time and you disapprove of it, you can refer to it as the **ancien regime**. **usu the N** **disapproval**

**an|cient** /ˈeɪnʃənt/ **ADJ**  
[1] **Ancient** means belonging to the distant past, especially to the period in history before the end of the Roman Empire. □ They believed ancient Greece and Rome were vital sources of learning. ♦ **an|cient|ly** **ADV**  
Salisbury Plain was known **anciently** as Ellendune. [2] **Ancient** means very old, or having existed for a long time. **usu Adj n**  
□ ...ancient Jewish tradition.

**an|cient|his|tory** **N-UNCOUNT**  
**Ancient history** is the history of ancient civilizations, especially Greece and Rome.



1. How many meanings are there for the word 'ancient'? .....
  2. Who presents a TV or radio news programme? .....
  3. What is the word class of 'ancien regime'? .....
  4. Name a small fish often eaten salted .....
  5. How is Ellendune plain known now? .....
- (1x5-5 marks)

**04) There was a special programme held in Pinnaduwa Central College for the children's day. Here's a diary entry of a student on that event. Complete it with missing information. Use the words given in the box. One is done for you**

Both   or   both   either   nor   neither
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Today's event went well. Though Natasha promised to bring 1..... a bouquet  
 2..... a basket of flowers to welcome the chief guest, she didn't bring any. Sanuka  
 decorated the hall. 3..... Shamal and Nilanga helped him a lot. However, after the  
 event, they 4..... rearranged the hall 5..... asked us to do so.  
 6.....Both..... the principal and our class teacher were not happy of that.

(1x5 – 5 marks)

**05) Read the following poem and answer the questions given below.**

**Winter Morning** by Ogden Nash

Winter is the king of showmen,  
 Turning tree stumps into snow men  
 And houses into birthday cakes  
 And spreading sugar over lakes.  
 Smooth and clean and frosty white,  
 The world looks good enough to bite.  
 That's the season to be young,  
 Catching snowflakes on your tongue!  
 Snow is snowy when it's snowing.  
 I'm sorry it's slushy when it's going.

1. What is the king of showmen? ..... (1 mark)
2. What are the following turned into in Winter?  
     a. Tree stumps : ..... b. Houses : ..... (1x2– 2 marks)
3. What does Winter do to the lakes? ..... (1 marks)
4. Write two adjectives that describe how the world looks like in Winter?  
     a. .... b. .... ( ½ x 2 -1 mark )



5. Write the line which tells a fun activity that can be done in Winter.

(1 mark)

6. Underline the correct answer.

The poet (doesn't like / likes) when it's snowy. (1 mark)

7. What does 'it' in "when it's going" mean? (1 mark)

8. Find words from the poem opposite in meaning to the following

a. Rough ..... b. Dropping ..... ( $\frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 1$  mark)

9. Find rhyming words for the following

a. Cakes ..... b. going ..... ( $\frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 1$  mark)

**06) You received an invitation from your best friend to go on a picnic with his family to Passikuda. Unfortunately, you cannot join them. Write a note to your friend politely rejecting the invitation. Tell how much you love to join them. Give a reason for your not coming. Use 30-40 words.**

(5 marks)



07) Fill in the blanks and complete the following email written by Ramsi. Use the correct form of the verb given within brackets. *The first one is done for you.*

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← Compose @ ▷ :

From ramsi.galle@gmail.com ▼

To thesh@gmail.com ▼

Subject Speaking Clubs

Hi Thesh,

How are you doing? I'm keeping well but a bit busy. Thanks for the video. Sorry I couldn't reply since I had to attend some after school activities.

You know, a speaking club 1. was formed (form) in our school last week. It was great fun. Only a few of us

2. .... (select) for it by our English teacher. Well, I

3. .... (appoint) the president of the club.

First, we 4. .... (ask) to stand in two (inner and outer) circles face to face and chat and share our personal information. After that onion ring activity, a cover page of an English novel 5.

..... (show) to us. It 6. .... (not allow) to turn the pages. Then, what the story of the novel could be 7. .... (discuss) in

groups. Very funny ideas 8. .... (bring out) by some. After the discussion, we 9. .... (give) the book to read but only the first four pages. Some

10. .... (surprise) to see how close thier guesses were. However, mine

11. .... (find) much closer to the original story.

Is there a speaking club in your school too? If so, please tell me the activities you do there.

Eagerly looking forward to hearing of them.

Regards to all!

With LOL!

Ramsi

(1x10 – 10 marks)



08) Nithya is at the super market with her father. She is having a telephone conversation with her mother at home. Complete the following with the phrases given within the box. Put the letter of relevant phrase to fill in the blanks. The first one is done for you.

Nithya: Amma, we're right at the super market now I. ....d..... in your shopping list. What is the oil you want us to buy?

Mother: Buy sesame oil, if it is not available, buy 2. ....

Nethya: OK, what are you going to make for dinner tonight? Shall we 3. ....?

Mother: No need of chicken. There's some fish cooked 4. .... I'm going to prepare noodles. So, buy some carrot.

Nithya: How much carrot is needed?

Mother: Buy 500 grams. I can make 5. .... She doesn't like to eat anything at night.

Nithya: Alright! 6. .... you need for the soup?

Mother: Buy some potatoes too and don't forget to buy lentils. There's only 7. ....

Nithya: Thatththa has already got lentils. Amma, shall I ask thatththa to buy some ice cream 8. ....?

Mother: No, no; Don't. Have you forgotten this soon how you 9. ....?

Nithya: Ayyo amma. That's gone and now 10. ....

Mother: Listen Nithya. Don't be a baby. You can 11. ...., right.

Nithya: OK Amma. If there's anything else, I'll call you back. Bye!

Mother: OK, bye! Come soon!

- a. coughed in the morning
- b. some soup for Achchi
- c. have ice cream next week
- d. buying things
- e. buy chicken
- f. a little left for the next morning.
- g. in the morning
- h. any cooking oil
- i. for dessert
- j. Only carrots
- k. I'm OK

(1x10 -10 marks)



**09 ) Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below.**

**The History of Paper**

Before paper as we know it existed, people communicated through pictures and symbols carved into tree bark, painted on cave walls, and marked on papyrus or clay tablets.

About 2,000 years ago, inventors in China took communication to the next level, crafting cloth sheets to record their drawings and writings. And paper, as we know it today, was born! Paper was first made in Lei-Yang, China by Ts'ai Lun, a Chinese court official. In all likelihood, Ts'ai mixed mulberry bark, hemp and rags with water, mashed it into pulp, pressed out the liquid and hung the thin mat to dry in the sun.

During the 8th century, about 300 years after Ts'ai's discovery, the secret travelled to the region that is now the Middle East. Yet, it took another 500 years for papermaking to enter Europe. One of the first paper mills was built in Spain, and soon, paper was being made at mills all across Europe. Then, with paper easier to make, paper was used for printing important books, bibles, and legal documents.

England began making large supplies of paper in the late 15th century and supplied the colonies with paper for many years. Finally, in 1690, the first U.S. paper mill was built in Pennsylvania. At first American paper mills used the Chinese method of shredding old rags and clothes into individual fibers to make paper. But, as the demand for paper grew, the mills changed to using fiber from trees because wood was less expensive and more abundant than cloth.

Today, paper is made from trees grown in sustainably managed forests and from recycled paper. Recycling has always been a part of papermaking. When you recycle your used paper, paper mills will use it to make new notebook paper, paper grocery bags, cardboard boxes, envelopes, magazines, cartons, newspapers and other paper products.

1. State whether the following statements are **True** or **False** or **Not given**. Put a tick in the correct box. (  $\frac{1}{2}$  X 4 = 2 marks )

- I. People did not communicate before paper was invented.
- II. Lei Yang was a Chinese court official.
- III. Paper making was introduced to Europe from Middle East.
- IV. Chinese method was to make paper from old rags and clothes

True	False	Not given

2. Where was the first paper mill in Europe built?..... (1 mark)



- .....
- .....
- .....

..... (1 mark)

..... (1 mark)

..... (2 marks)

.....

[illegible]



(content-5, Language-5, organization-2, mechanics of writing-3-15 marks)



9 answer

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## Listening Test

### Task sheet

Listen to the announcement read out by your teacher and underline the correct answer.

1. The announcement is on ( Singapore , Aeroflot, Air India) airlines.
2. The flights are from ( Colombo to Moscow, Moscow to Colombo).
3. From November 2022, there will be ( 2, 3, 4) flights per week.
4. The flights recommenced on ( 10<sup>th</sup> , 22<sup>nd</sup> , 12<sup>th</sup> ) October 2022.

### Mark True or False

5. 232 tourists arrived in the first flight after flights were recommenced.
6. The tourists arrived in the morning.
7. Until November, there will be only 2 flights per week.
8. The first flight arrived was a jet.


(8 marks)

*(Writing Test-80 marks, Listening Test-8 marks, Speaking Test-12 marks=100 marks)*



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