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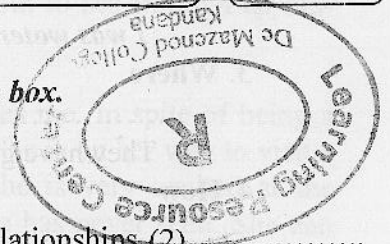
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**PART - A GRAMMAR**

**I. Complete the following text using the suitable prepositions given in the box.**

at on with of for



Relationships are not always close. (1) ..... example, our relationships (2) .....  
our teachers and our principals can be quite formal and distant. They are based (3) .....  
respect, sometimes even on fear. These relationships are similar (4) ..... the distant  
relationships we will probably share with our employers when we enter the world (5) .....  
work. (5 marks)

**II. Arrange the words given in brackets so as to make a meaningful sentence**

1. Relationships.....  
(slowly / very / or / grow / can / quickly / very)
2. We need.....  
(to / at / speak / to / able / English / interviews / be / in / ...)
3. I.....  
(yesterday / my / friend's / attended / wedding)
4. We.....  
(an / our / film / by / science / shown / teacher / were / interesting)
5. Ramesh.....  
(Shalani / gift / a / bought / birthday)

(5 marks)

**III. Join the following pairs of sentences using the correct conjunctions given below**

until, if, although, unless, when,

1. Elders talk.  
You must remain silent.  
.....
2. We cannot start the function.  
The chief guest arrives.  
.....
3. Her kitchen is small.  
It is well designed.  
.....

4. You can stay for the weekend.

You like.

5. Something unexpected happens.

I'll see you tomorrow.

(10 marks)

**IV. Construct questions to get the words in bold print as answers.**

1. How often

My friend visits me **once a week**.

2. What

I was **watering my flower beds** at the time of this incident.

3. Where

They have gone **out of the country**.

4. How

Her husband died **in an accident**.

5. Why

Ann is going to give up her job **as there is no one to mind her baby**.

(10 marks)

**V. Complete the following text using the correct verb forms given in the box below.**

going,	was revealed,	goes,	has,	used to,
to be,	puzzled,	closed,	isn't,	enjoys,

Aunt Jane is now well over seventy, but she is still a great cinema-goer. The cinema in our town (1)..... down years ago and sometimes she (2) ..... to travel twenty miles or more to see a good film. And once a month at least she (3) ..... up to London to see the latest foreign films. Of course, she could see most of these films on television, but the idea does not attract her, 'It (4) ..... the same,' she says. 'For one thing, the screen's too small. Besides, I like (5) ..... to the cinema!

One thing has always (6) ..... us. Although Aunt Jane has lots of friends and (7) ..... company, she always goes to the cinema alone. The reason for this (8) ..... only recently by mother. 'It may surprise you to learn that Aunt Jane wanted (9) ..... an actress when she was young,' she told us. She (10) ..... wait outside film studios all day, just to appear crowd scenes.

(10 marks)

**VI. Underline the most suitable word within brackets to complete the sentences.**

1. She is (hoping / hopeful) of returning to work soon.
2. Her parents made (promises / sacrifices) so that she could have a good education.
3. She felt going back to live in her home town would be (backward / backwards) step.
4. He had always been (restless / reckless) with money.
5. This is a (baseless / basic) rumour.

(5 marks)



**PART - B COMPREHENSION**

**I. Read the following passage and do the activities that follow.**

**August 31<sup>st</sup>**

There are five people at our table, including myself. I have already learnt a great deal about them in the short time we have been at sea, although we rarely meet except at meal-time.

First of all, there is Dr. Stone – my favourite, I must confess. He is a man about sixty five, with grey hair and a humorous face. He gave up his practice a short while ago and is now travelling round the world before he retires to some quiet country village. As a young man, he served abroad for many years as a doctor in the army. He speaks several languages and has told us a great deal about the ports we are going to call at. He seems to have been everywhere. During the day, when he is not talking to his fellow passengers (one gets the impression that he already knows everybody on board), he sits on deck reading or else gazes out to sea through an old-fashioned telescope.

Then there is 'grandmother'. I call her that because her name escapes me. In spite of being a grandmother, she looks remarkably young, not more than forty five. She is on her way to visit a daughter who emigrated to Australia some years ago. Naturally she is very excited at the thought of seeing her again, and her three grand-children, whom she has never seen. She can talk of little else. This voyage is a great adventure for her: she has never been abroad before.

Then there is a man I do not care for much, an engineer by the name of Barlow. He has been on leave in England and is returning to his work in Singapore. He seems full of energy: he swims or plays tennis the best parts of the day. I have never in my life met a man with such a loud laugh. He has the cabin next to mine and I can hear his laugh even through the wall!

The other person who sits our table is Mrs. Hunt. I have found out hardly anything about her. She is extremely quiet and rarely talks, except to consult the doctor about her children's ailments. She is on her way to join her husband in India.

*\*Extract from a diary*

**1. Choose the best answer.**

(a) Dr. Stone is travelling round because

- (i). He likes meeting a lot of people
- (ii). He is having a holiday before he retires
- (iii). He wants to visit the places he knew in the past
- (iv). He enjoys travelling abroad

**(1 mark)**

(b) The writer calls the second person at the table 'grandmother' because

- (i). she looks old
- (ii). she has three grandchildren
- (iii). He has not been told her name
- (iv). He has forgotten her name

**(1 mark)**

**2. Answer the following questions briefly, in your own words as far as possible. Use one complete sentence for each answer.**

(a) How does Mr. Stone spend his time when he is not talking to his fellow passengers?

.....  
.....

(b) Why is 'grandmother' going to Australia?

.....  
.....

(c) What is 'grandmother' excited at?

.....  
.....

(3 marks)

3. Answer the questions, using only short form answers.

(a) Does the writer spend a lot of time with the people who eat at his table?

.....  
.....

(b) Is 'grandmother' the oldest person at table?

.....  
.....

(3 marks)

4. Complete the following sentences. Your answers must be related to the ideas contained in the passage.

(a) Dr. Stone ..... after he has travelled round the world.

(b) Dr. Stone seems to know everyone on board because .....

(c) Barlow spends most of his time .....

(d) Barlow has such a loud laugh that .....

(e) The writer does not know much about Mrs. Hunt because .....

(4 marks)

5. Underline the best explanation according to the context.

(a) **remarkably** (i) attractively (ii) quietly (iii) noticeably (iv) extraordinarily

(b) **hardly** (i) roughly (ii) harshly (iii) almost none (iv) almost everything

(c) **on leave** (i) about to leave (ii) away from work (iii) absent (iv) at home

(3 marks)

6. Write True or False in the space provided beside each sentence.

1. The writer met others mostly at meal-times. ....

2. Dr. Stone is travelling round the world after his retirement. ....

3. Dr. Stone was not on his maiden voyage. ....

4. Writer frequently forgets the name of the women called 'grandmother.' ....

5. Barlow, the engineer is the writer's favourite. ....

(5 marks)

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

1. **Due to the late arrival of Jaffna Express train, all other outgoing trains from Central Station started late today.**

(a) Jaffna Express train started late from Central Station today.

(b) All other outgoing trains arrived late today.

(c) Jaffna Express train arrived late today.

2. **All but Suresh may take part in the college drama.**

(a) Only Suresh may participate in the college drama.

(b) All may participate in the college drama except Suresh.

(c) Except Suresh others may not participate in the college drama.



3. *During the whole week, she hardly ate anything.*

- (a) She ate only solid things throughout the week.
- (b) She ate almost nothing throughout the week.
- (c) She ate only hard things throughout the week.

4. *You needn't have come so early.*

- (a) You have come early unnecessarily.
- (b) You didn't come early.
- (c) You are supposed to come early.

5. *My brother and his wife have been to Japan.*

- (a) They are in Japan now.
- (b) They are on their way to Japan now.
- (c) They are not in Japan now.



(10 marks)

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## PART C – WRITING

### Letter

I. Imagine that you are going to leave the country for a job soon. Write a short letter to a good friend of yours informing about this. Tell him / her that you will try to find a suitable job for him / her also in the foreign country where you are going for a job. Use about 100 – 125 words. Do not exceed this word limit.

(10 marks)

### Essay

II.

Write an essay on “*The importance of living in harmony*”. Use about 200 words. Do not exceed this word limit.

(15 marks)