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English Language

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GRADE - 8

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TIME - 2 HOURS

(1). Match the questions with the responses. Write the numbers in the box. One is done for you. (5 Marks)

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- (i). What is your father?
- (ii). Would you like a piece of cheese?
- (iii). Will you meet me tomorrow?
- (iv). Can you tell me where the police station is?
- (v). Do you have a single room for three days?
- (vi). Hello! Ravi here. Can I speak to Manoj?

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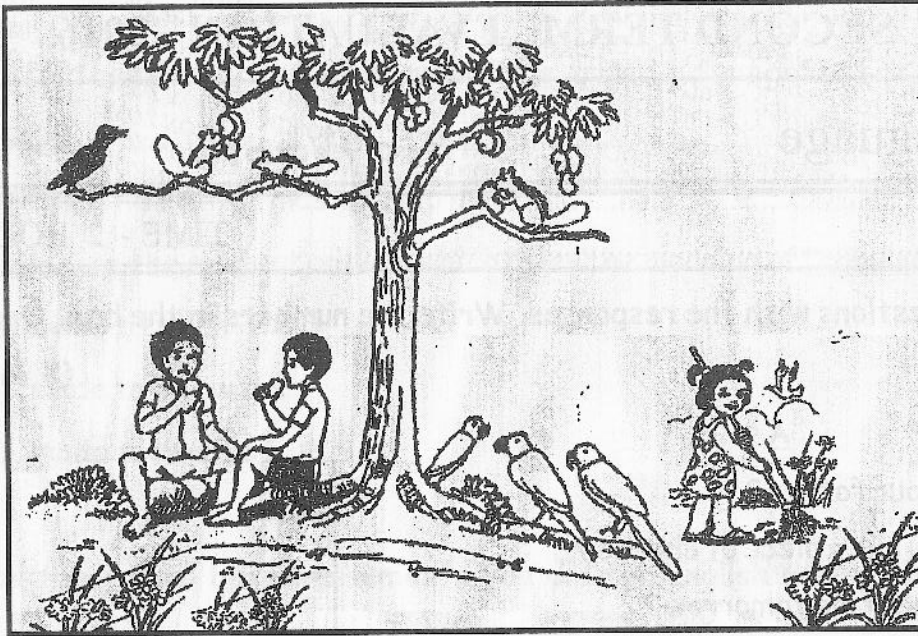
- 1. I'm afraid I won't.
- 2. Yes, I'd love one.
- 3. I can offer you one on the second floor.
- 4. He's an electrician.
- 5. Hold the line please.
- 6. Take the first turn on your right.

(2). Complete the following sentences. Select the most appropriate adverb from the box and write it in the space given. One is done for you. (5 Marks)

politely , kindly , attentively , slowly , greedily , justly

- 1). The priest spoke to the poor man kindly.
- 2). The injured elephant walked across the road. ....
- 3). The hungry man ate all the food .....
- 4). Saman's parents spoke to the principal .....
- 5). The judge settled the case .....
- 6). All the students in the class were listening to the teacher .....

(3). Write five sentences describing the following picture. Each sentence should have at least 5 words. (10 Marks)



- 1.....
- 2.....
- 3.....
- 4.....
- 5.....

04. Fill in the blanks with the words given in the box. (10 marks)

She, only, that, live, brother, where, had, a, and, nothing,

Mary had no family in India, so she went home to England to (1)..... with her uncle, Mr. Archibold Craven. Mary (2).....never been to England and she knew (3)..... about her uncle, who was her mother's (4)..... She was told that he lived in (5)..... big, old house in the country, and (6)..... he was a hunchback. This frightened Mary. (7)..... thought, too, about Yorkshire, and the place (8).....she was going to live. She knew (9).....that it was called Mistlewaith Manor, (10)..... that Yorkshire was in the north of England.

(5). Change the following sentences into passive form. (10 Marks)

1). The president opened the highway.

The highway was opened by the president.

2). Mr. Silva built the house last year.

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3). Someone has broken the window.

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4). The workers clean the office everyday.

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5). The teacher marked all the books.

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6). The teacher explained the lesson well.

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06. Read the following text and answer the questions given below. (10 Marks)

I shall never forget the first time I travelled by train. My uncle who was working at Vauniya, invited me to visit him. Early in the morning I went to Polgahawela station to catch the train. I had to wait in a long queue to get my ticket. With the announcement of the station master the Yal Devi express train appeared to the platform with a terrifying roar. I was swept on to the train by people pushing from behind.

It was packed tight with people and I could not see the names of stations where it stopped. I had to get off at the sixth station from Polgahawela. I counted the number of stops and got off. My uncle had promised to pick me up at the station. It was mid night and all the people who got off, rushed off the station. I was alone and afraid. Mistakenly, I had got off at the wrong station. I spoke to some people. They could not understand what I said in Sinhala. Then I spoke to them in English and with the bit of Tamil I knew. They took me to the station master who telephoned my uncle waiting at the next station. In a short while, my uncle came to pick me up. We thanked the station master and left for Vavuniya. On my way, I told my uncle what happened. My uncle who was fluent in the local languages: Sinhala, Tamil and English, convinced me the value of knowing many languages when living in a multilingual society like ours.

- 1). Who wanted the writer to come to Vavuniya?.....
- 2). Which phrase in the passage tells us that the train made a big noise?  
.....
- 3). Write the sentence which says that the writer did not get off at the correct station.  
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- 4). How did the station master help him?.....
- 5). Underline the correct answer which gives the meaning of "convinced"
  - a). made to think
  - b). made to be aware
  - c). made to realize

(07). Recall the school based assessments you did for English during the term and answer the questions given below. (10 Marks)

- 1). Write the name of a group activity you did.  
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- 2). Complete the three sentences to describe your group. Use the clues given.
  - a). ..... was the name of the group.
  - b). The leader was .....
  - c). There were ..... members in my group.
- 3). Write two things you did as a group member.
  - i). .....
  - ii). .....
- 4). Write two things you learnt while doing the group activity.
  - i). .....
  - ii). .....
- 5). Write three materials you used in the group activity.
  - i). .....
  - ii). .....

(08). Read the passage and write the answers to the following questions. (15 Marks)

Today dengue has become a great problem to Sri Lanka. It has spread all over the country during the past few years. Although it is only a fever, it is fatal. Reports claim that hundreds of people in various areas of the country have died as a result of dengue during the past few years. Therefore, we can't just neglect the threat this disease poses to human life. If we ignore it, it has a power to kill people. The dengue mosquito breeds in clean water. So, we should destroy all the areas where water can be collected such as coconut shells, tyres, polythene bags and other discarded containers. Waste containers must be destroyed properly. Then the rain water is not collected in them. We must always try to keep our environment clean by sweeping the garden and clearing shrubs, drains and gutters. It is a disease which is spread by a mosquito. If we control the breeding of this particular mosquito, we will be able to eradicate this disease from our country. We should make others aware of the danger and educate them on ways of preventing this disease from spreading. Even though dengue is fatal, it can be avoided by taking good care of our surroundings.

- 1). What is dengue ?.....
- 2). Why is dengue considered dangerous?.....
- 3). How can we control the spread of dengue ?  
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- 4). Write two ways we can keep our surroundings clean.  
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- 5). Suggest a suitable title for this paragraph.  
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(09). Complete the following questions to get the underlined phrase of the sentence as the answer. (10 Marks)

- 1). Rani is studying for the test.  
What is Rani doing ?  
.....
- 2). Lalitha studies nine subjects for the examination.  
How many ..... ?
- 3). They left home at 5.00 a.m.  
When ..... ?

4). Mr. Kumar will park his car close to the bank.

Where ..... ?

5). Shashi thanked all her friends for coming to the party.

Who ..... ?

6). The baby cried because she was hungry.

Why ..... ?

(10). Write an essay on one of the following topics. Use about 100 - 150 words.

(10 Marks)

- 1). Gardening is a useful hobby.
- 2). Write a letter to your friend describing a place you visited recently.
- 3). Complete the story given below.

While I was playing in the garden I saw a .....

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(11). Listen to the teacher and underline the correct answer.

(5 Marks)

- 1). The announcement is about a trip for. ....
  - a). Grade 9 students.
  - b). Grade 8 students.
  - c). Grade 7 students.
- 2). The students are going to .....
  - a). Yala
  - b). Katharagama
  - c). Jaffna
- 3). A student is charged Rs. .... for the trip.
  - a). 1000
  - b). 1500
  - c). 500
- 4). They are going on the trip on .....
  - a). 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016
  - b). 30<sup>th</sup> July 2016
  - c). 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016
- 5). Underline the correct statement.
  - a). The students who go on the trip should come in uniforms.
  - b). The students going on the trip should not wear uniforms.
  - c). They can come in a casual dress.