



# De Mazenod College

## Kandana

### General English-I



Grade 13

Second Term Test-2016

3 hours

Name:.....

No.....

#### PART A-GRAMMAR-40 marks

I. Fill in each blank with a suitable preposition from the list given below. Use one preposition *once only*. [5]

for                      to                      after                      from                      with

#### Elephant

The class teacher asks students 1..... name an animal that begins 2..... an "E". One boy says, "Elephant."

Then the teacher asks 3..... an animal that begins with a "T". The same boy says, "Two elephants."

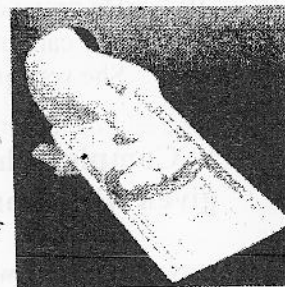
The teacher sends the boy out of the class for bad behavior. 4..... that she asks him to name an animal beginning with "M".

The boy shouts 5..... the other side of the wall: "Maybe an elephant!"

II. Fill in the blanks with the suitable form of the verb. [10]

#### **You are priceless to those who love you**

A well-known speaker started off his seminar by 1.....(hold) up a dollar twenty (\$20) bill, in the room of two hundred (200) people. Speaker asked, "Who would like this dollar twenty (\$20) bill?" Hands started 2.....(go) up.



Speaker said, "I am going to give this dollar twenty (\$20) bill to one of you but first, let me do this." He proceeded to crumple up the dollar twenty (\$20) bill. He asked, "Who still 3.....(want) it?" Still hands 4.....(be) up in the air.

"Well, what if I do this?" He dropped it on the ground and 5.....(grind) it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, now crumpled and dirty and asked, "Who still wants it?" Still hands went up into the air.

My friends, we have all 6.....(learn) a very valuable lesson. No matter what was 7.....(do) to the money, it was still 8.....(want) because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth dollar twenty (\$20).

Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that 9.....(come) our way. We may feel as though we are worthless and useless.

But no matter what has happened or will happen, you will never 10. .... (lose) your value: dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless to those who love you.

III. Construct questions to get the **underlined words in bold print** as the answers. [5]

1. **Maestro W.D. Amaradeva** is the most celebrated icon of unique Sri Lankan music.  
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2. Maestro W.D.Amaradeva composed and sang **the lyricist Mahagama Sekara's** inspiring lyrics.  
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3. He was **88 years** old at the time of his demise.  
.....
4. **A national mourning week** was declared by the government.  
.....
5. He often sang about **his utmost wish to be reborn again as a Sri Lankan.**  
.....

IV. Fill in the blanks with suitable adjectives. [5]

Accountable      adamant      advance      abrupt      adverse

- I. No ..... booking is necessary on most departures.
- II. The cuts will have.....effect on us.
- III. He drove down a road with .....turns.
- IV. She cannot be held .....for her actions that night.
- V. She was quite .....that she would not come.

V. Complete the following passage using the suitable form of the word given within brackets. [15]

Deshamanya Wannakuwatta Waduge Don Albert Perera (5 December 1927 – 3 November 2016) better known by his 1.....(adopt) name **Amaradeva**, was a prominent Sri Lankan vocalist, 2.....(violin) and composer. Primarily using 3..... (tradition) instruments like sitars, tablas and harmoniums, Amaradeva incorporates Sinhala folk music with Indian ragas in his work. Many consider Pandit Amaradeva's contribution to the 4 .....(develop) of Sinhala music as unmatched, hence cited as the **Maestro of Sri Lanka Music.**

Noting that Sinhala folk music mostly revolved around a single melody, he decided to add verses that would lead up to the central melody which would now be a chorus thus forming two parts (unseen earlier in traditional Sri Lankan music) removing 5 ..... (restrict) that had existed earlier. In doing so, Amaradeva created a 6 ..... (unique) Sinhalese music style that stayed true to folk tradition while incorporating outside influences. His work was vital in the creation of the sarala gee genre practised subsequently by artists like Victor Ratnayake, Sunil Edirisinghe and Sanath Nandasiri.

Pandit Amaradeva had been the 7.....(receive) of numerous awards including the Philippine Ramon Magsaysay Award (2001), Indian Padma Sri Award (2002)<sup>[8]</sup> and Sri Lankan "President's Award of Kala Keerthi" (1986) and Deshamanya Award (1998). In 1972, Pandit Amaradeva composed the music for the 8.....(Maldives) National Anthem (Gaumii salaam).

He found steady work as an artist on Radio Ceylon, where his unique vision and talent could be 9.....(exhibit) to an audience 10.....(wide) than he had ever before known – earning him a position at the Bhatkhande Music Institute in Lucknow, India. In 1955, Amaradeva won the All 11 .....(India) violin competition. After extensive training, Albert returned to Sri Lanka as Pandit Wannakuwatta waduge Don Amaradeva. The name Amaradeva which translates as Immortal god was given to him by Prof. Ediriweera Sarachchandra (Sri Lanka's foremost playwright and a close associate).

During this time, Sri Lanka (then Ceylon) had only 12.....(begin) emerging as an independent nation, and the question of *what* Sri Lankan music was, was slowly 13 .....(be) addressed with equal vigour by intellectuals, artists and the general public. In 14 .....(respond) to the spirit of these times, Amaradeva began 15 .....(interweave) indigenous folk music with the North Indian ragas he had studied in Lucknow, thereby giving expression to a more sophisticated cadence.

### PART B-COMPREHENSION-20 marks

I. Of the options given below each sentence in bold print, underline the one that best expresses its meaning. [5]

- i. **The weather was cold and wet. Still, we had a great time.**
  - a. We had a great time thanks to cold and wet weather.
  - b. We had a great time with cold and wet weather.
  - c. In spite of cold and wet weather, we had a great time.
  - d. Had it not been cold and wet, we could have had a great time.
2. **She preceded me in the job.**
  - a. She took the job after I did.
  - b. She took the job before I did.
  - c. Both of us took the job together.
  - d. I took the job first.
- i. **He had to laugh despite himself.**
  - a. He laughed at himself.
  - b. He did not laugh intentionally.
  - c. He deliberately laughed.
  - d. He was laughed at by himself.
1. **The bicycle was beyond repair.**
  - a. The bicycle was soon repaired.



- b. The bicycle was about to be repaired.
  - c. The bicycle was going to be repaired.
  - d. The bicycle was too badly damaged to repair.
2. **He hasn't got any hobbies—unless you call watching TV a hobby.**
- a. Watching TV is one of her hobbies.
  - b. She prefers any hobby to watching TV.
  - c. Her only hobby is watching TV.
  - d. Among all her hobbies, watching TV is her most favourite one.

II. **Given below is the Concession Speech delivered by Hillary Clinton recently. Select from the passage and write down the sentences which suggest the following in her speech. [5]**

Thank you so very much for being here. I love you all, too. Last night I congratulated Donald Trump and offered to work with him on behalf of our country.

But I feel pride and gratitude for this wonderful campaign that we built together. This vast, diverse, creative, unruly, energized campaign. You represent the best of America, and being your candidate has been one of the greatest honours of my life....

Our campaign was never about one person, or even one election. It was about the country we love and building an America that is hopeful, inclusive, and big-hearted. We have seen that our nation is more deeply divided than we thought. But I still believe in America, and I always will. And if you do, then we must accept this result and then look to the future. Donald Trump is going to be our president. We owe him an open mind and the chance to lead. Our constitutional democracy enshrines the peaceful transfer of power....

Let me add: Our constitutional democracy demands our participation, not just every four years, but all the time. So let's do all we can to keep advancing the causes and values we all hold dear. Making our economy work for everyone, not just those at the top, protecting our country and protecting our planet....

For people of all races, and religions, for men and women, for immigrants, for LGBT people, and people with disabilities. For everyone....

You poured your hearts into this campaign. To some of you who are veterans, it was a campaign after you had done other campaigns. Some of you, it was your first campaign. I want each of you to know that you were the best campaign anybody could have ever expected or wanted.

And so we need — we need you to keep up these fights now and for the rest of your lives. And to all the women, and especially the young women, who put their faith in this campaign and in me: I want you to know that nothing has made me prouder than to be your champion.

I believe we are stronger together and we will go forward together. And you should never, ever regret fighting for that. You know, scripture tells us, let us not grow weary of doing good, for in good season we shall reap. My friends, let us have faith in each other, let us not grow weary and lose heart, for there are more seasons to come and there is more work to do.



The fact that,

- a. her supporters extended a heart-felt cooperation.

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- b. She feels honoured that she could be the people's candidate at the presidential election.

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- c. She and her party members peacefully transfer power to the winner.

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- d. Her intention was to make the American economy not only for the rich but also for the poor.

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- e. She quotes from the Holy Bible.

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**III. Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow. [5]**

**My mother saw a dancing bear...**

My mother saw a dancing bear  
 By the school yard, a day in June.  
 The keeper stood with chain and bar  
 And whistle-pipe, and played a tune.

And Bruin lifted up its head  
 And lifted up its dusty feet,  
 And all the children laughed to see  
 It caper in the summer heat.

They watched as for the Queen it died,  
 They watched it march. They watched it halt.  
 They heard the keeper as he cried,  
 "Now, roly-poly!" "Somersault!"

And then, my mother said, there came  
 The keeper with the begging cup,  
 The bear with burning coat of fur,  
 Shaming the laughter to a stop.

They paid a penny for the dance,  
But what they saw was not the show;  
Only, in bruin's aching eyes,  
Far-distant forests, and the snow.

-Charles Causley-

1. With what did the keeper control the bear?

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2. Give four examples of the things the bear had to do.

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3. How much did the people pay to see the bear dance?

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4. If you had been watching the bear would you have laughed or been sad, or both? Explain why.

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5. Why do you think the people were shamed into not laughing?

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**IV. Read the following leaflet given to parents.**


**[5]**

**If you find your child is having a nightmare**

- Don't disturb or shake your child if he or she is still asleep. Waking a sleeping child will only frighten him or her more.
- Never get across when your child has a nightmare. Your child is really frightened and needs comfort, not scolding.
- Assure your child that it's only a dream, that it's not real.
- Try to get your child to talk about what happened in the dream. Talking about dreams makes them less frightening.
- Stay in the room and near the bed until your child falls asleep again.
- Turn on the lights and talk softly to soothe and reassure your child that he or she is safe.
- Use a night light or leave a landing light on.

**There are things you can do which may help to prevent your child having nightmares:**

- Keep the room safe in case of sleep-walking. Avoid upper bunks and keep the floor free of dangerous obstructions.
- Warn babysitters or other family members and let them know how to deal with nightmares.
- Establish a bedtime routine with a peaceful atmosphere, eg a relaxing bath, hot chocolate and a favourable story.
- Give your child a hug before he goes to bed.
- Check for a temperature or illness that may be causing the nightmares.
- If your child has a bad night, talk it over in the morning.
- Try to reduce stresses in the home. Children find it very distressing if their parents argue with each other.
- Ask your child if he or she being bullied or

<p>Many children are afraid of the dark.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Let your child sleep in a room close to your bedroom.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Watch to make sure your child doesn't do anything to hurt him- or herself, like falling out of bed.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Nightmares sometimes lead to sleep-walking. If this occurs, guide your child gently back to bed without waking him or her.</p>	<p>getting into trouble?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Prevent children watching violent or frightening television programmes or films, especially close to bedtime.</p> 
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Now write "true" or "false" for each of these statements.

1. If a child is having a nightmare you should wake them up. (.....)
2. Get the child to talk about what has happened in the nightmare. (.....)
3. Many children are afraid of the dark. (.....)
4. Find out if the child is having problems at school. (.....)
5. Let the child watch a horror film before going to bed. (.....)

### PART C-SUMMARIZING-10 marks

1. Write a **summary** of the following text. You may use **any number of sentences** but do not use more than **fifty (50) words**. Write only **one word in one cage**. [5]

A young boy and his father were walking along a forest path. At some point, they came across a large tree branch on the ground in front of them.

The boy asked his father, "If I try, do you think I could move that branch?" His father replied, "I am sure you can, if you use all your strength."

The boy tried his best to lift or push the branch, but he was not strong enough and he couldn't move it.

He said with disappointment, "You were wrong, dad. I can't move it."

"Try again," replied his father.

Again, the boy tried hard to push the branch. He struggled but it did not move.

"Dad, I cannot do it," said the boy.

Finally his father said, "Son, I advised you to use all your strength. You didn't. You didn't ask for my help."


- ii. Write a summary of the following text. You may use any number of sentences but do not use more than thirty five (35) words. Write only one word in one cage. [5]

There was a man taking a morning walk at the beach. He saw that along with the morning tide came hundreds of starfish and when the tide receded, they were left behind and with the morning sun rays, they would die. The tide was fresh and the starfish were alive. The man took a few steps, picked one and threw it into the water. He did that repeatedly. Right behind him there was another person who couldn't understand what that man was doing. He caught up with him and asked, "What are you doing? There are hundreds of starfish. How many can you help? What difference does it make?" This man did not reply, took two more steps, picked up another one, threw it into the water, and said, "It makes a difference to this one."


**PART D-WRITING-30 marks**

- I. You recently enjoyed a performance given by your favourite singer or group. A newspaper published an article saying that the concert was very poor for several reasons. You decide to write a letter to the Editor of the newspaper to disagree with this view and to explain how much you enjoyed the performance.

Write your letter. You must include the following:

- the name of the singer or group and where and when the performance took place
- details of what the newspaper criticized



- why you thought the performance was so enjoyable.

**Cover all three points above in detail. You should make sure your letter is polite but persuasive.**

**[15]**

- ii. In the budget speech 2017, Free Tablet computers were proposed to be provided for 175,000 A/L students and 25,000 teachers from next year. Write a letter to your aunt in America saying all what you feel about this proposal.

**[15]**



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## General English

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Paper - II

Grade - 13

(Two hours)

Name : .....

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### PART A - VOCABULARY (30 Marks)

I. Fill in the blanks in these sentences with the correct form of the words in the brackets.

(05 Marks)

1. The ..... (invite) to the party was a golden opportunity for Malan to meet his old friends.
2. The UNO is a ..... (globe) organization established to prevent war and promote peace all nations.
3. Jane thinks ..... (happy) in marriage is a matter of luck.
4. The pirates released the sailors ..... (harm) after the ransom was paid.
5. Government officers transferred to difficult areas claim that they have been politically ..... (victim)

II. Fill in the blanks with correct ending of the words in the brackets.

(05 Marks)

1. Wild - life programmers on the Discovery Channel are not only interesting but also very inform ..... (ation, ative, ant).
2. Annan's speeches are not only entertain ..... (ing, ment, ers) but also enlightening.
3. Mayoora plays his guitar excell ..... (ent, ently, ency) well.
4. Bus transport that was nation ..... (ally, alised, ality) in the 1960s provided a poor service to the public.
5. Your new mobile phone will be act ..... (ion, ivate, ivated) in 24 hours.

III. Underline the correct word in the brackets.

(10 Marks)

1. When he saw a (herd / heard) of elephants crossing the road, father stopped the car suddenly at a safe distance.
2. The gladiator killed the ferocious tiger that sprang upon him at one blow with his (bear / bare) hand.
3. A violent storm ripped the (sails / sales) of the ship and snapped the masts and finally the vessel capsized and sank.
4. Fables are animal (tails / tales) that ends with a moral- a useful lesson to the children.
5. Elephants can be (scene / seen) roaming about freely in the wild parks of Sri Lanka.
6. In ancient times soldiers (road / rode) on horseback to distant places to deliver the king's message.
7. Somalian pirates on the shipping (root / route) to the Middle East are a great menace to International Trade.
8. When the fuel price goes up an increase in the bus and railway (fair / fare) becomes inevitable.
9. Profit at any cost should not be the (soul / sole) aim of a business providing the best service to the customers should also be given priority.
10. Some chemicals used to (dye / die) the fabrics can cause skin diseases to the people who wear the dressed made of them.

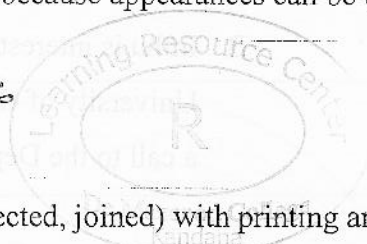
IV. Underline the best word in the bracket in these sentences.

(10 Marks)

1. Dharshan (dwells, occupies, inhabits) a room in his aunty's house.
2. A dog makes a good (pet, animal, beast). It is man's best friend.
3. Kalyani has such a pleasant (laughter, chuckle, smile) that I enjoy looking at her all the time.
4. No (fatal, deadly, mortal) road accidents were recorded in the country last week.

5. We should not judge a person by his outward look because appearances can be (fake, false, deceptive).

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6. Manohar is an authority on anything (linked, connected, joined) with printing and publishing.

7. The (suspect, prisoner, accused) was found not guilty at the trial and was acquitted.

8. This is a (false, fake, forged) signature. It is not genuine.

9. The judges (complimented, flattered, applauded) the winners of the competition.

10. The President offered a public (excuse, pardon, forgiveness) to some prisoners on the Republic Day.

**PART B – DIALOGUES**

**(20 Marks)**

I. Fill in appropriately the missing parts of the following dialogues. You should use at least one sentence for each response.

A. Mr. Daniel is an old friend of Malan's father. He is a site Engineer on the Mahaweli Project. One day Malan and his sisters Meena and Randima went to Kandy. They went to see a dam under the Mahaweli Project Mr. Daniel showed them round.

**(05 Marks)**

Daneil - There it is, children ! The highest dam in Sri Lanka.

Meena - \_\_\_\_\_

Daneil - The dam itself is 188 meters high – as tall as the tallest building in Colombo.

Malan - \_\_\_\_\_

Daniel - There are three power houses and we can produce more than enough electricity for Sri Lanka. The power tunnel is deep under the ground.

Randima - \_\_\_\_\_

Daniel - The power tunnel is 400 meters long. Water flows very fast through this tunnel.

Meena - \_\_\_\_\_

Daniel - At about 170 kilometers an hour. It flows as fast as the fastest car.

Malan - The dam is used only for generation of hydropower isn't it ?

Daniel - No, irrigation from the lake behind the dam is very important.

Meena - \_\_\_\_\_

Daniel - Finally, 100000 farmers will get farms here and make a good living.

B. Inthu is interested in following a Certificate Course in International Relations at the University of Colombo. She wants to know some information about the course and gives a call to the Department of International Relations and speaks to Chaminda.

(05 Marks)

Inthu - Hello, is it the Department of International Relations ?

Chami - Yes, Chaminda speaking. How can I help you ?

Inthu - \_\_\_\_\_

Chami - You can call on at our office and get the application form in person or send us a self addressed envelope and get it free.

Inthu - \_\_\_\_\_

Chami - The closing date for applications is September, 30.

Inthu - \_\_\_\_\_

Chami - You'll have to pay fifteen thousand rupees as your course fee.

Inthu - \_\_\_\_\_

Chami - It is a six months course.

Inthu - \_\_\_\_\_

Chami - The course will start in November 2011.

Inthu - Ok, Thank you very much Chaminda, Bye.

Chami - You're welcome, Bye.

II. Your friend Mahesh wants to take to cricket as his profession and play for the Sri Lankan team against the wish of his parents. You are Mahesh's friend Sena. You think your friend should listen to his parents and take to medicine and serve the country and help his family to overcome their difficulties. Write out the dialogue that took place between you and your friend. Each of you must speak at least **five** times. (10 Marks)

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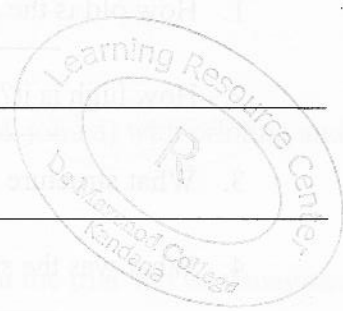
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2. What actually help us get rid of flu virus ?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Can a doctor prescribe any medicine to you if you get flu ?  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What must one do so that he may not spread the flu to other ?  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. How much liquid must one drink if he or she gets flu ?  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Name three symptoms of flu.  
i. .... ii. .... iii. ....
7. How often must you take aspirin if you get severe aches or pains ?  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Can you eat as usual when you have temperature ?  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. When can you skip your meals ?  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. Give one word from the text that means the same as  
a) trembling      b) hunger      c) avoid      d) preceding  
\_\_\_\_\_



I. Read the passage and answer the questions given below? (15 Marks)

**The Secret of the Stupa**

The Jaetavana Stupa at Anuradhapura is interesting for several reasons. For one thing it is over 1,500 years old. It is the largest solid brick structure of that period, equal in size to the third of the three great pyramids of Egypt. Built by King Mahasena, it is one of the biggest stupas in Asia at a height of 400 feet.

At present, the site is being excavated and restored by the Central Cultural Fund and UNESCO as part of the "Cultural Triangle" project. The most spectacular archaeological "find" on the site was made by two labourers, B.G. Padmawathie and K.G. Somapala on December 18<sup>th</sup> 1982. While they were digging a drainage pit they found seven plates of solid gold with writing on, dating back to the 9<sup>th</sup> century. Each gold sheet weighed over 2.5 kilograms and the seven plates had a face value of one million rupees at that time.

The writing was identified as part of the Pragna Paramitha Sutra, a philosophical conversation between the Buddha and his disciples. The Cultural Ministry gave the two workers a gift of 5,000 rupees for finding and handing over the seven plates. Archaeologists believe that the original book had over 200 gold pages. The remainder may have been stolen or may still be buried in the ground somewhere close by.

1. How old is the Jatavana stupa?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. How high is it?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What structure is equal in size to this stupa?  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What was the spectacular archaeological 'find'?  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. When was the 'find' made?  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. How old was the 'find'?  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. How much did the entire 'find' weigh?  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. What was the face value of all the 'find' at that time?  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. How much money did Padmawathie and Somapala get?  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. How many sheets do the archeologists believe to be missing?  
\_\_\_\_\_

B. Find words of the same or similar meaning in the passage as the ones given below.

- |               |         |              |         |
|---------------|---------|--------------|---------|
| 1. dug out    | - _____ | 6. student   | - _____ |
| 2. repaired   | - _____ | 7. present   | - _____ |
| 3. not hollow | - _____ | 8. the rest  | - _____ |
| 4. genuine    | - _____ | 9. 100 years | - _____ |
| 5. dialogue   | - _____ | 10. scheme   | - _____ |

**PART - D - WRITING**

**(20 Marks)**

1. You and your friends have decided to go to Anuradhapura the weekend after next and visit the places of worship and of historical importance. Write a note to your uncle in Anuradhapura asking him to receive you at the railway station and take you round in his car. (Use 30 words)

**(05 Marks)**

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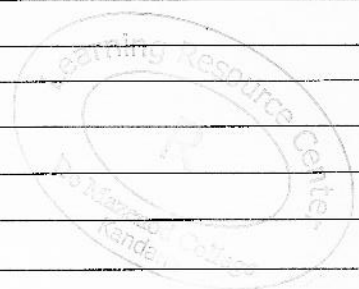
2. Write an essay using about 200 words for your School magazine on the topic, **"Communication then and now"**.

Your essay should include the following.

- What communication means.
- How people communicated in the past.
- How communication methods developed over the years.
- How people communicate today etc.

**(15 Marks)**





Lined writing area for student response.

PART - C -- COMPREHENSION

(30 Marks)

1. Read this text and answer the question.

(15 Marks)

**Your Defense System Works**

There is no quick cure. Flu – influenza – is caused by a virus, and virus can't be killed with antibiotics. Only the body's own defense system can get rid of them.

Sofar most of us there is no point in seeing the doctor when we have got flu. But while a doubt of flu lasts, which may be anything from 24 hours to several days.

Here is what you should do.....

- Stay indoors, keep warm and keep away from other people as much as possible so you don't pass the infection.
- Have plenty of cool drinks – water, fruit drinks, about 4 – 6 pints a day.
- If you feel shivery or feverish with a temperature over 100°F or aches or pains try taking soluble aspirin every four hours during the day and rest – in bed if you can.
- Try to have three light meals a day. But don't force yourself to eat if you have lost your appetite.

1. What word suggests that you will get better only gradually if you get an attack of flu ?

\_\_\_\_\_