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 ENGLISH LANGUAGE I

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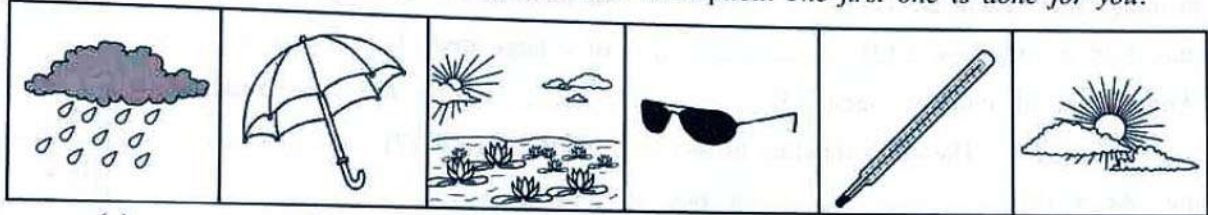
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 ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS ON THIS PAPER ITSELF.

○ Test 1

Match the following pictures with the descriptions given below. Write the letter of the most suitable picture in the box given against each description. *The first one is done for you.*



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| (1) A lake full of flowers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c | (2) An instrument for measuring temperature | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) The star that warms the earth | <input type="checkbox"/> | (4) Drops of fresh water that fall from the sky | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (5) Dark eyewear that protects you from the sun | <input type="checkbox"/> | (6) Something that is held over one's head for protection | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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○ Test 2

Fill in the blanks in the following dialogue. Use the words given in the box. Write the letter of the correct word in the space given. *The first one is done for you.*

Arun : I want to do something interesting this weekend.
 Chamila : Lovely! We can do something together.
 Arun : Yes, that (1)d..... good. What are you planning to do?
 Chamila : Well, I have arranged to go on a (2) to Kandy with some friends. Do you want to come with us?
 Arun : Great! (3) are you leaving?
 Chamila : Well, we have decided to start early in the morning on Sunday, and we are hoping to (4) Kandy by lunch time.
 Arun : Oh, in (5) case I have to come very early.
 Chamila : Yes, you must meet me (6) at six thirty in the morning.
 Arun : OK, good. I won't be late.

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| (a) reach |
| (b) trip |
| (c) here |
| (d) sounds |
| (e) when |
| (f) that |

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○ Test 3

Study the picture and fill in the blanks in the paragraph using the words given in the box. Write the letter of the correct word in the blank. *The first one is done for you.*



- (a) with
- (b) seven
- (c) ~~enjoy~~
- (d) drawing
- (e) seated
- (f) distance
- (g) plucking
- (h) guitar
- (i) holding
- (j) branch
- (k) book

This is a beautiful scene of a children's park. Children (1)^c..... doing different things here. There are (2) of them. Some are boys and some are girls. One child is sitting on a (3) of a large tree (4) fruit. Another child can be seen (5) under the tree reading a (6) The child standing in front of a white board is (7) a picture. At a (8), a boy is playing a (9) A girl with curly hair is (10) a kite. Another child is seen playing (11) a ball. The children are enjoying themselves.

Q. 3

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○ Test 4

Fill in the blanks in the following text with the words given in the box. *The first one is done for you.*

of, at, up, ~~by~~, to, for

A young man was driving to work. Suddenly he was surrounded (1)^{by}..... flashing lights and four police cars. One officer told him to get out of the car. The young man followed his orders not knowing why that was happening. He ended (2) in handcuffs in the back of the police car. A witness claimed she had seen him (3) a murder scene.

But what if this man isn't guilty (4) murder? What if he is completely innocent? Perhaps he was in the wrong place at the wrong time, and he has a similar body build or hair colour (5) that of the actual murderer. Now imagine your brother, your best friend or even yourself in this man's position.

How difficult it would be (6) you and your family to experience this! However, the police have no option other than arresting a suspect.

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○ Test 9

Read the text and **underline** the most suitable word given within each bracket.

New technology often creates serious problems. Vehicles, for example, provide
 (1) ((a) a little, (b) numerous, (c) much) benefits, but they also
 (2) ((a) pollute, (b) destroy, (c) ruin) the air and pose severe health risks to people
 and damage (3) ((a) energy, (b) waste, (c) property). It is difficult to imagine
 life (4) ((a) with, (b) without, (c) within) electricity and heat. Jet planes, while
 helping us in many ways, cause air pollution (5) ((a) refreshing, (b) releasing,
 (c) exchanging) hydrocarbons. The challenge, however, is to minimize the harmful effects of
 new technology on the environment.

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○ Test 10

Read Ganesh Ramalingam's letter to Sarala and fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb given within brackets.

Dear Sarala,

Hope you are doing well. I would like to know how you are getting on. I am thinking about you and your well-being, especially during these difficult times. Write to me or call me whenever you need any help.

Also, it (1) (be) a pleasure for me to hear how you are (2) (progress) in your studies. Are there any subjects or topics that you find particularly challenging? (3) (remember) it's perfectly normal to encounter difficulties along the way, and I'm here to help you overcome any problems you are likely to (4) (face).

I would also like to discuss what you plan for your future. Have you thought about what you'd like to pursue after (5) (complete) the G.C.E. O/L examination?

In case you need any advice, feel free to contact me.

Wishing you all the best,
Ganesh Ramalingam.

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○ Test 11

Fill in the blanks with the words given in the box. There is **one** extra word.

puddles	know	form	ever	comes	that	to	it
disappear	rainwater	somewhere	the	sometimes	cannot	what	

Rain is a very unpredictable natural process. Sometimes it rains. It rains and drains. The rain (1) down in heavy sheets. (2) it rains so hard (3) it makes it difficult (4) see. We all know (5) it is like when (6) rains. But have you (7) wondered where all the (8) goes? Does it just (9) ? We all know that it (10) just disappear. As we (11) , it has to go (12) Raindrops fall to (13) ground, join together to (14) rain puddles. The rain puddles get bigger and bigger. Finally, they overflow. Like the rain drops, the rain puddles join. They form a stream. The stream carries the water down the hill. After a while the stream joins a river.

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○ Test 12

Read the text given below and **underline** the correct form given within each bracket.

As Rajini walked into the classroom, she noticed her friend Jaleel sitting alone, looking upset. "Hi, Jaleel, what's wrong?" Rajini asked.

Jaleel sighed and replied, "Well, yesterday my brother told me that (1) ((a) he lost his job (b) he had lost his job (c) he will lose his job)."

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"Oh no, I'm sorry to hear that," Rajini said sympathetically and asked, (2)
((a) "How would he react?" (b) how he reacted. (c) how he could react.)

"He seemed really upset," Jaleel reported. My brother also told me that he (3)
(a) had worked (b) worked (c) having to work) there for five years and didn't know what to do next.

"That must have been tough for him," Rajini remarked. "Did he say anything else?"

"Yeah, he mentioned that (4) ((a) he is going to (b) he was going to (c) he were to) start looking for a new job right away," Jaleel continued. "But he also said he's worried about finding something as good as (5) ((a) what he was (b) what he had been (c) what he had). Rajini nodded understandingly. "It's understandable that he's feeling anxious about the future. Did he talk to anyone else about it?"

"No, not yet." replied Jaleel. He also thanked Rajini for her concern.

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○ Test 13

Read the following extracts taken from books and magazines. Select the most suitable caption for each extract and write the letter of the caption in the box given against the text. There is **one** extra caption.

Captions

A Garbage disposal	B Time you should meet a doctor	C Feel free to talk
D Be a wise parent	E Use it well, it is not an enemy	F Tips to minimize environmental pollution

Extracts

Extracts		
1	When settlements were very small, leftovers were simply thrown outdoors, where they finally decayed. But as communities grew, pigs and other animals helped clear away the stuff eating them. The animals, in turn, recycled the waste and thus created an even less appealing waste problem.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Many people are strangely passive when they visit a doctor. First of all, they often fail to provide the doctor with complete information about their medical problem. Secondly, many people fail to ask their doctor for a full and clear explanation of their condition.	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Swollen glands in the body can be uncomfortable, but they are a welcome sign that your body is working to defend itself. They are often associated with an illness such as mumps, German measles, a cold, or flu, but an insect bite or an infected cut can also result in swelling. Still if swollen glands last more than a few days, it can be a sign of a serious illness, such as Hodgkin's disease.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Here are some tips to discourage TV watching and encourage reading. For one thing, have only one television set, and place it in the family room. Then if your child wants privacy, he or she will have to go elsewhere away from the TV. Secondly, connect eating with reading. Put a bookcase rather than a TV in the kitchen.	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Children in Finland are the highest-scoring young readers in the world, but they spend more time watching TV than reading. Finnish national research has pointed out a key relationship between reading and Finnish TV. Many programmes have captions and watching these programmes seems to motivate and enhance reading among young readers.	<input type="checkbox"/>

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○ Test 14

(a) You have invited your best friend to have lunch at home. Due to unavoidable circumstances you had to cancel the lunch. Write a letter to your friend informing him/her of the cancellation. Use about **100** words.

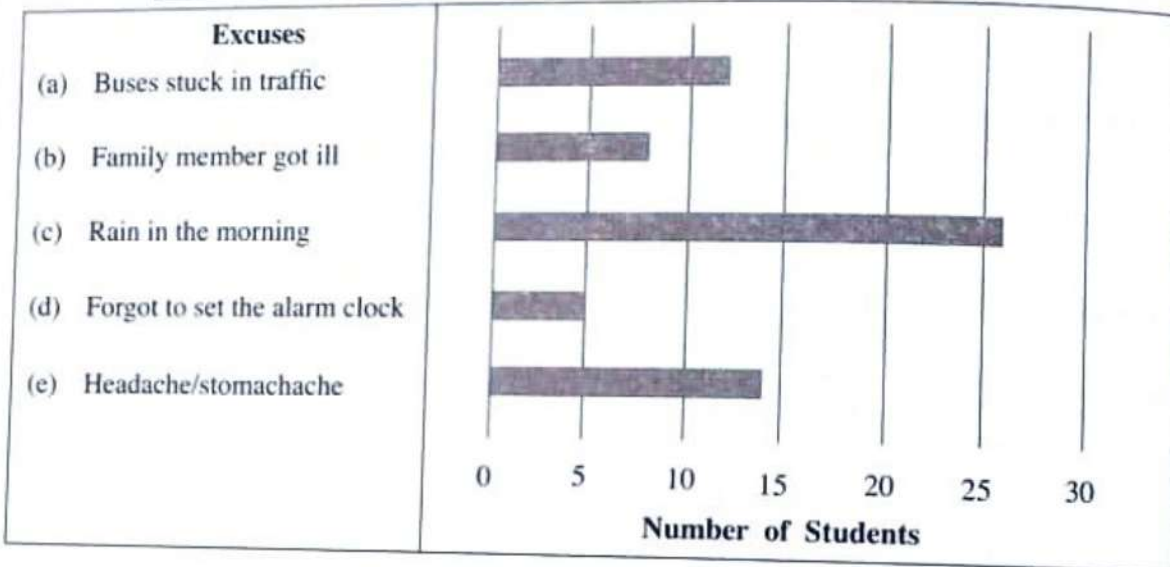
Include the following:

- express your regret for cancellation
- give reasons for it
- give any future arrangements

OR

(b) The following bar chart displays the results of a survey done by the Vice Principal of Vidukirana Maha Vidyalaya on the reasons for grade 11 students to be late to school. The bar chart shows the excuses given by the students for being late to school. Write a description about it. Use about **100** words. The following words and phrases will help you.

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○ Test 15

Read the following text and answer the questions given below.

Choosing one's fate

① Many years ago, there lived a man who was capable of loving and forgiving everyone he came across. Because of this, God sent an angel to talk to him.

'God asked me to come and visit you and tell you that he wishes to reward you for your goodness,' said the angel. 'You may have any gift you wish for. Would you like the gift of healing sick people?'

⑤ 'Certainly not,' said the man. 'I would prefer God to choose those who should be healed.' 'And what about leading wrong-doers back to the path of goodness?' asked the angel. 'That's a job for angels like you. I don't want to be worshipped by anyone or to serve as an example for perfect living,' replied the man.

⑩ 'Look, I can't go back to Heaven without having given you a gift. If you don't choose, I'll have to choose **one** for you,' said the angel.

'The man thought for a moment and then said: 'All right, I would like good to be done through me, but no one should notice it. Even I do not want to know it. Otherwise I might **commit** the offence of becoming a proud person.'

⑮ So the angel arranged for the man's shadow to have the power of healing, but only when the sun was shining on the man's face. In this way, wherever he went, the sick were healed, the earth grew fertile again, and sad people rediscovered happiness.

The man travelled the Earth for many years, **oblivious** of the healing he was doing because when he was facing the sun, his shadow was always behind him. In this way, he was able

⑳ to live and die unaware of his own power of healing.

(1) State whether the following statements are **True** or **False**. Put a tick (✓) in the relevant cage.

	True	False
(1) God sent an angel to earth to give the man the ability of loving and forgiving.		
(2) The man believed that it is God's responsibility to select those deserve healing.		
(3) The power of healing was active when the shadow was behind the man.		
(4) The man was unaware of the healings he was doing as God did not allow him to see them.		

(½ × 4 = 02 marks)

(2) What do the following words in the text refer to? Write your answers in the space given.

'one' in line 11 (01 marks)

(3) **Underline** the phrase that is closest in meaning to the following.

(a) 'commit' in line 14

- (i) to give up completely (ii) to do something wrong
(iii) to hand over (iv) to change for the better

(01 mark)

(b) 'oblivious' in line 18

- (i) not aware of something (ii) having no education
(iii) showing neglect (iv) not to accept as accurate

(01 mark)

Underline the correct answer for questions 4, 5 and 6 from the options given for each of them.

(4) One good quality of the man that attracted the attention of God was

- (a) his ability to heal those who were suffering from sickness.
(b) his ability to lead bad people to the path of goodness.
(c) his readiness to love and forgive everyone around him.
(d) his refusal to accept the power of healing.

(01 mark)

(5) The man

- (a) willingly accepted the gift from the angel.
(b) happily accepted the gift from the angel.
(c) enthusiastically accepted the gift from the angel.
(d) hesitantly accepted the gift from the angel.

(01 mark)

(6) Underline the sentence that tells why the man did not want to know about his own good deeds.

- (a) The man thought that it was God's duty to heal the sick people on earth.
(b) The man believes that making bad people good is the responsibility of angels.
(c) The man was of the view that his miracles would make him a better person.
(d) The man did not want to be worshipped by people or become a proud person.

(01 mark)

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Q. 15

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○ Test 16

Write on **one** of the following topics. Use about **200** words.

(a) Write an article to a local newspaper giving your opinion on **The Role of Advertising in Media**.

Include the following:

- What advertising is
- Why it is necessary
- How it influences the public
- Its adverse effects on the society

(b) Write an essay on **The Importance of Regular Exercise for Our Health**.

Include the following:

- The types of regular exercise
- The advantages of regular exercise
- Steps that could be taken to make it popular among people

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46- Appreciation of English Literary Texts – II

EXAMRESULTS.LK

1. With reference to the poem, *A Bird Came Down the Walk*, discuss the beauty and the unpleasant sights of the natural environment.

1. *A Bird Came Down the Walk*

Answers should include:

- A brief introduction which includes the poet, question and the poem. The answer should also introduce that the readers see the pleasant and unpleasant sights through the eyes of the speaker who seems a “bird watcher”.
- Then the instances of both beauty and unpleasant images should be explored with examples from the poem.
- The bird’s action which adds calmness and colour to the environment can be explained as **pleasant images**.
 - the way the bird drinks dew from a convenient grass
 - how the grass is identified as “convenient” to indicate harmlessness.
 - The bird’s rapid glance
 - simile- ‘like frightened beads’
 - metaphor – ‘velvet head’
 - His graceful and delicate flight
- The bird’s action which adds **unpleasant sights** to the onlooker.

E.g.

- the way the bird bit an “Angle worm” in halves.
- the way it ate it raw.
- While referring to the pleasant and unpleasant sights, the ideal answers would also refer to how the effects of such sights are enhanced by using different images/touching the senses of the reader.
- In conclusion, an ideal answer would wrap up saying the natural sights and actions in nature are filled with such things: i.e. the weaker and the powerless become subject to the powerful and the stronger species. This is the way of the natural law and order. (the order and pattern in nature)

2. Explore the literary devices used in **War is Kind** to confirm that it represents terror and conflicts.

2. War is Kind

Answers should include:

- An introduction which should include the poet, question and the poem.
- Then literary devices should be identified: Simple identification may not be adequate to collect good marks: students are expected to explore how they reflect terror and conflicts.
- Apostrophe: direct address to the maiden by the speaker: this grabs the attention, and the readers feel that the speaker is addressing him/her. This allows the reader to emphasize the scene more clearly and closely, thereby comprehending the depth of the poem.
- Oxymoron- War is kind; this is a type of paradox where two contrary things are presented. Wars are not kind as they shed blood, take lives and destroy both living and nonliving things. By using an oxymoron, the poet again grabs the attention and highlights the absence of kindness in war contexts. This can be identified as a very symbolic title.
- Paradoxes – ‘excellence in killing’ / ‘virtue of slaughter’
- When the soldiers are killed the affected people represent different age groups in society highlighting a cross-section of war victims; direct as well as indirect victims (passive victims)
- The use of auditory and visual symbols to touch the different senses of the reader.
E.g. booming drums

Likewise, ideal answers should come up with different literary techniques and explore their effects, without simply citing the quotations from the poem.

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3. 'Big Match, 1983 is a subtle depiction of violence and corruption in an evil society.' Discuss with reference to the poem

3. Big Match, 1983

Answers should include:

- An introduction which should include the poet, question and the poem. In this context, the answers may also include a brief note on the setting of the poem, 1983 in Sri Lanka, as the question refers to an evil society.
- Students are expected to refer to and explain 4 or 5 instances from the poem where the evil nature of humans is depicted.
- **Examples:**
 - (i) The carelessness or indifferent nature of people towards tragedy and death which is shown through the instance when "a child lies dead, and two policemen look the other way." Students may refer to other examples too to prove people's indifference to tragedy. Politically driven corruptions which are represented through the indifference of the policemen suggests the corruption of the administration/ How law and order is not well-exercised in society.
 - (ii) How racism is harboured in people's minds, and how racial prejudice ruins people are pictured vividly using symbols. E.g. racial pot boils over
 - (iii) As an extension to the previous point, how these racially driven conflicts were consistent in this society is also highlighted. This is evident when the poet refers to different eras of the past such as "forty-eight" "fifty-six" etc. The repetition of racial violence vouches for the evil nature of society, on the one hand. On the other hand, it also signifies the stupidity and ignorance linked to evil nature.
 - (iv) The evil nature is again confirmed when the authorities' involvement in the treachery is subtly pointed out: Or the authorities' ignorance to brutality is presented.
 - (v) The telephone conversation suggests the need for harmony among the people in society. The poem however ends with a note of optimism: hope to experience peace and harmony in society.

4. 'The Earthen Goblet conveys how human beings use their power over nature, through the construction of a goblet.' Discuss with reference to the poem.

4. The Earthen Goblet

Answers should include:

- An introduction which should include the poet, question, and the poem.
- The answers may refer to the fact that the Earthen Goblet is a utensil made of natural soil for human beings' purposes and usage. Also, the earth's voice and feelings are presented in the eyes of a narrator and through the goblet's response to the narrator's question. The potter represents the human beings who manipulate the earth, using their power over natural substances.
- Students are expected to refer to and explain 4 or 5 instances from the poem where people's power over nature is depicted.
- **Examples:**
 - (i) People's act of dislocating the natural soil from its natural environment is a good example of human beings' power over natural substances. Earth is removed from its natural environment, not for its own sake but for people's satisfaction. The creative power and vitality of the earth are taken away by humans. The consequence of this removal/uprooting ends in "death" of the soil, as indicated through the following lines.

"The potter has drawn out the living breath of me
And given me a form which is death of me, "
 - (ii) The soil's freedom is snatched by the people, represented through the potter. The poet's use of the word "captive" to refer to the earth which is on the "wheel" picturesquely suggests how the earth has lost its liberty and independence.
 - (iii) How the earth is deprived of its basic human needs such as love and company, as represented through the "fragrant" "flower" also confirms people's power over the natural substances.
 - (iv) The physical trauma and mental agony the earth experienced during the process of making a goblet also symbolically highlights the potter's power and manipulation to fulfil the potter's whims and fancies. That is, the earth is "being twirled" and is "burned so warm" as described by the poet.

5. 'Through humour, poetry offers its readers lessons for their lives.' Discuss with reference to **Upside-Down**.

5. Upside -Down

Answers should include:

- An introduction which should include the poet, question, and the poem.
- The poem presents humour, about a person who misunderstood everything and behaved in a silly manner which amused everybody and evoked laughter. The students must show how it uses humour and gives some lessons to people by referring to a few instances.
- **Major lessons** may be worded as:
 - , The importance of being cautious when breaking norms/conventional behaviours/ethics
 - The importance of responding to questions directly and clearly.
 - The importance of 'limits' when dealing with jokes
 - The importance of orderliness
- **Humour** used to present such lessons:

E.g.

 - "The eccentric nature" (absurdity) of the person creates humour throughout the poem.
 - Doing the opposites:
 - Turning "left" when he is expected to turn "right"
 - Boating is changed to floating.
 - Reading from the left to right is reversed making different meanings or creating nonsensical words.
 - Depicting as a circus person etc.

Drama

6. 'Twilight of a Crane is a drama about love and compassion.' Justify this comment with close reference to the play.

6. Twilight of a Crane

Answers should include:

- An introduction which should include the playwright, the question, and the play. This may include the fact that a crane is associated with human behaviour.
- Students may talk about love and compassion indicated through different angles. Love refers to intense feelings of deep affection and great interest and pleasure in something. Compassion refers to sadness for/understanding of the suffering of others.

***Do not penalize candidates for not identifying the difference between love and compassion**

- **Examples:**

- Concern and compassion towards the unknown creatures in trouble.
E.g. Yohyo's act of saving the crane
- Love and compassion as a form of gratitude.
E.g. Tsu becoming the wife
- Out of compassion love has emerged. /Love towards the husband.
E.g. Several instances of each other's concern towards the family
E.g. "cold soup is no good for my sweetheart."
- Love towards the children.
- Love in the form of craziness to material gains/money

E.g. Unzu and Sodo's greediness for material gains: how this adds to change the mind of Yohyo too

- Students may refer to the symbols used in highlighting love and compassion in different formats.

7. 'The Bear depicts the impermanency of human thoughts and behaviours.' Justify this statement with close reference to the play.

7. The Bear

Answers should include:

- An introduction which should include the playwright, the question, and the play.
- The impermanency of human thought and behavior can be presented through the two main characters.
- Students may refer to 4/5 instances of human actions and emotions.

- **Examples:**

- Emotions of sadness and changes in physical actions

- E.g. Popova's sadness over death may disappear/may be reduced.
Smirnov becomes increasingly gentle

- Human temper- may change- disappear/may be controlled and suppressed.

- E.g. Both Smirnov's anger and Popova's about the money issue

- Attitudes and ideologies

- E.g. The attitude about each other's infidelity
Popova's attitude towards Smirnov as a bear
Smirnov's attitudes toward women as common crocodiles

- Attraction and fascination towards something or someone

- E.g. Smirnov is not interested in the duel anymore as he cannot resist falling in love with her.

- They kiss each other passionately symbolizing their attraction towards each other despite their initial dislike and distraction.

Prose

8. 'Human actions and behaviour in the face of fear cannot be predicted.' Examine the statement with reference to the extract from *Wave*.

8. *Wave*

- An introduction which should include the question, text, and the context (*Tsunami*) which proves that the speaker as well as the other characters are in a state of fear.
- By referring to 4-5 incidents, students are required to refer to the uninformed actions/intuitive actions of the speaker and the other characters.

• Examples:

- Grabbing the children and running out of the room
- Not calling the parents in the next room

"I didn't shout to warn them. I didn't bang on their door and call them out."

- Children running barefoot without feeling any pain: they were insensible of their feet being hurt.

"They were barefoot, but they didn't slow down because stones or thorns were hurting them."

- Children's silence about the sudden gush of water
"They didn't say a word."

- The speaker's indifference to/ about who the driver is.
"didn't know who he was."

- Beulah's inability to get into the jeep because of the panic.
"The jeep jerked forward, and she lost her grip"

- The speaker's spontaneous yelling at the driver after noticing the accident.

- Driver's disregard/zero attention to the speaker's requests and yelling

- Anton jumped out of the jeep, instinctively, without thinking of the risks.

- Steve's emotions and fear as expressed through his "sudden look of terror, eyes wide open, mouth agape".

- The narrator's and Anton's actions can be juxtaposed. Though both of them act instinctively, they react differently

- Better answers may include an examination/evaluation of such spontaneous actions too by the speaker.

9. 'Punishment may make children stubborn and determined.' Examine this statement with reference to **The Lumber Room**.

9. The Lumber Room

Answers should include:

- An introduction which should include the writer, the question, and the text.
- Students are then expected to address the question by introducing the question.
- The students should refer to the initial behaviour of the boy and the punishment given to him.
- Then the students should talk about the consequences/aftermath of the punishments, indicating the boy's 'stubborn' and 'determined' response/s to the punishment.

Some students who would comment on the following may deserve additional rewards.

- A comment on the nature of 'obedience'/'lack of responses. Most children may obey the adults but more intelligent/inquisitive children may question
- The limited adult view of the world.
- The child's more expansive and imaginative outlook.
- A criticism of the Victorian society/ Victorian attitudes toward children.
- The aunt as an agent of Victorian society deserves the reader's sympathy.

Extra details

*Those who do not make references to Victorian society should not be penalized

(*Disagreement **if any** should be supported through a sound argument with contextual examples)

10. 'The Lahore Attack confirms the power of company and concern for one's country.'
Examine this statement with reference to the prose.

10. The Lahore Attack

- An introduction to the question, the speaker and the text is required. Further, the context should refer to the speech as well.
- Students are then expected to address the question by identifying a few instances related to the question.
- **Examples:**
- The need for human company is revealed through:
 - The enjoyment the team feels during their tour abroad.
 - The speaker's concern for the other members while the attack goes on.
 - Their camaraderie and morale after the attack as they act together as a team.
 - The lonely soldier's interest and need to engage in a conversation with the cricketer despite the soldier's assumed busy career.
- The concern for one's own country is represented through:
 - The cricket team's commitment to the team, and teamwork despite the dangers they encounter.
 - The team behaves as 'unofficial ambassadors' in front of the media after the attack.
 - The soldier's sacrifice and devotion to his service.
- Students are expected to support the above points by referring to the text.

11. 'The Nightingale and the Rose' questions the act of sacrifice in relation to material gains.
Examine this statement with reference to the short story.

11. The Nightingale and the Rose

- An introduction to the question, the author and the text is required.
- Students are expected to explore the sacrifice made by the nightingale in comparison to the material gains as represented through the whims and fancies of the girl, the student.
- **Examples:**
 - The professor's daughter's desire for a rose and her material gain in relation to the emotional feeling of attraction.
"She promised she'd dance with me if I brought her a red rose"
"Ah, on what little things does happiness depend! I have read all that the wise men have written, and all the secrets of philosophy are mine, yet for want of a red rose my life is made wretched."
 - The student's desire for physical togetherness and dance over the emotional feelings of love.
"I'll get to hold her in my arms, and she'll lean her head on my shoulder..."
 - The nightingale's power of sacrifice in relation to its wings: it lets its wings go away to express its love and compassion to the student.
 - Finally, the fate of the red rose which was created out of genuine love by the nightingale who wished for a genuine love relationship between the student and the professor's daughter crushed under a cartwheel reflects the futility of sacrifice in this context.
 - The entire short story is an ironic comment on the materialistic society.

Fiction

12. 'The Prince and the Pauper, above all, represents human beings' cruelty and corruption.' Do you agree with this comment?

12. The Prince and the Pauper

- An introduction to the question, the author and the text is required.
- In this context, students are expected to mention their stance on the question: they may mention it in different ways
- E.g. Some students may say that they agree/disagree with the statement. Some other students may say it in a different way by referring to the given statement. Some others would say that not only people's cruelty and corruption, but the novel also depicts other key concerns such as justice in society, human affection, feudal class system in England during the era.
- Any of their positions should be accepted. However, the students are required to support their stance with reference to the text.

Cruelty and corruption

Corruption is prevalent in all the strata in society/ both macro and micro level i.e. corruption at the domestic level, social level and state level

Domestic level

E.g.

- Cruelty – Grandma/Father's treatment to family members including the wife
- Hugh Hendon's cruelty toward his brother. / the fake letter
- Even Tom pretends as if he does not know his mother

Social Level

E.g.

- How priests are corrupted
- Hugo and the gang of thieves

State Level

E.g.

- Corruption- social inequality/ King Henry VIII - cruel punishments-citizens, nobles
- Prison officers/ ministers/administrators punish people unlawfully.
- Law and order/judiciary
- Lord Hertford and other officials

13. 'Bringing Tony Home is only a story about childhood experiences.' Do you agree with this comment?

13. Bringing Tony Home

- An introduction to the question, the author and the text is required.
- In this context, students are expected to mention their stance on the question; they may mention it in different ways (i.e. they may either directly mention that they agree/ disagree with the statement or explicitly indicate their view/perspective)
- Some students may consider this as a simple story of children. If this is supported adequately, they should be awarded marks.

E.g.

- A story of his childhood/ his friendship with Tony
- His adventurous journey back home with Tony.
- His mischievous childhood with Sirisena and the gang

- Some students may say that the story is about other concerns.

E.g.

- It is a deep psychological analysis of how childhood trauma lasts forever.
- It is a story due to loss, pain or deprivation.
- It is a deep analysis of the bond of human-animal relationship.
- It is a story about sacrifice, courage, devotion and perseverance.
- It is a great story of the development of character as it shows how a simple playboy becomes a very strong person capable of emotional tolerance. This is possible as the story is a semi-autobiographical novella.
- It is a critique of the society: giving a socio-cultural-economic and historical setting of colonial Sri Lanka/ Economic status of society and how it affects human relationships/ human-animal relationships
- It is an exploration about the significance and impact of one's past i.e. past cannot be recreated as it remains as a nostalgic memory.
- It is a masterpiece of literary techniques i.e. cinematic techniques/ flashback/ flashforward etc.

14. 'The Vendor of Sweets, above all, reflects disagreement between a father and a young son.'
Do you agree with this comment?

14. The Vendor of Sweets

- An introduction to the question, the author and the text is required.
- In this context, students are expected to mention their stance on the question: they may mention it in different ways i.e. they may either directly mention that they agree or disagree with the statement or explicitly indicate their view/perspective.

- Examples:

- About the old father and the adult son

Conflict due to

- Different interests and tastes (attire/food habits/medicine/religion)
- Different ideologies and practices (education/career/role of women)
- Jagan and Mali are extremists in their views, actions and behaviour.
- Relationships (marriage/living together)
- About conquering interests and the effect created over these differences i.e. tension, disappointment, anger, hurt etc.