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ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS ON THIS PAPER ITSELF.

Paper II Total

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## O Test 09

Read the text and underline the most suitable word given within brackets.
( $1 \times 5=5$ marks)
That day, even the weather turned to be a blessing for the young hikers. It perfectly matched with their idea of (1) $\qquad$ .(explore / exploring / exploration) the beautiful nature. So, the boys started their (2). $\qquad$ .(hiked/ hikers / hike) very happily. They were full of (3) $\qquad$ .(excited/ exciting / excitement) as they moved ahead through the dense forest. Throughout the day, the boys learned about nature, explored new places and most (4). $\qquad$ ..(important / importantly / importance) strengthened their friendship. The photos taken during the hike displayed the (5). $\qquad$ .(joy / joyful / joyfully) of their unforgettable experience.

## O Test 10

Raju met his friend Arjun who has been selected for the junior cricket team. The following are the questions Raju asked to get some information. Write them in the indirect speech.

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(1 \times 5=5 \text { marks })
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1. Raju: Who will train you?

Raju asked his friend Arjun $\qquad$
2. Raju: When are you starting practices?

Raju asked his friend Arjun $\qquad$
3. Raju: Who is the coach?

## Raju asked his friend Arjun

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4. Raju: Practice well.

## Raju advised Arjun

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5. Raju: Do not neglect studies.

Raju advised Arjun

## O Test 11

Fill in the blanks with the words given in the box. There is one extra word.
( $1 / 2 \times 14=7$ marks)
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Collecting stamps in Sri Lanka is a cherished tradition. Sri Lankans of all ages (1). $\qquad$ stamps with greatenthusiasm.(2) $\qquad$ .stamp collectors enjoy showing(3) $\qquad$
albums filled with stamps. (4). $\qquad$ .like to share the (5) $\qquad$ and stories associatedwith(6). $\qquad$ stamp in theircollection.(7). $\qquad$ havebeenrecognized not (8) $\qquad$ .as a hobby. They (9) $\qquad$ also a good way (10) $\qquad$ celebrate our country's identity. (11).......................they are simple and (12). $\qquad$ in size, they carry (13)........................powerful message with a (14)........................of pride. Therefore, each stamp can be considered as a visual story which holds a special place in the hearts of people.

## O Test 12

The following is a part of Sanka's speech he made after winning the Young Artists' Award at an international art competition. Fill in each blank selecting the most suitable word from the box.
( $1 \times 5=5 \mathrm{marks}$ )
although, as, however, whenever, when
"I can't believe that I'm standing here today, holding this award. (1). $\qquad$ I first entered this competition, I never thought I'd come this far. (2) $\qquad$ with a lot of practice and patience, I managed to create something I'm proud of. I put my heart into my artwork (3). .I paint. (4) $\qquad$ my journey was tough at times, I never gave it up. I kept myself pushing to improve (5). $\qquad$ it was my passion. I just want to say thank you to all who supported me to become who I am today."

## O Test 13

Read the following short descriptions of children's novels. Match them with the interests of the five readers given below. Write the correct letter of the title in the box.
( $1 \times 5=5$ marks)

## Descriptions of Story Books

## A. Quest for the Lost Treasure

This is a thrilling tale of courage and discovery. In the story, a team of young explorers navigate mysterious landscapes, solve ancient puzzles and face unexpected challenges to find a long lost treasure. The vivid descriptions and realistic characters fill the narrative with suspense, action and a sense of danger.

## C. The Magic Castle

This is an ideal book for those who love spellbinding narratives. The two main characters; a young prince and a fairy take the readers to a world of enchantment and mythical wonders while navigating the secrets and challenges of a castle brimming with magic.

## B. Echoes from the Past

This is an interesting non-fiction which immerses the readers in the rich tapestry of bygone eras. The story takes the readers on a journey to the past through a series of incidents that happened long time ago and connect them with the present. The readers can easily visualize the proud history and feel the courage and unity of our ancestors.

## D. The Mess Up

This is the perfect choice for you to release your stress and burst into laughter. In the story, you meet Mr. Chuckle who always messes up everything. His comical misadventures blend with wit and absurdity turning the tale into an interesting narrative.

## E. Galactic Odyssey

Be ready to blast off into the cosmos with the gripping narrative 'Galactic Odyssey'. This fiction takes the readers into the wonders of space while letting them join the crew on a journey filled with danger, discovery and boundless wonders of the universe.

| Interests of the readers | Title of the <br> book |
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| 1. Theekshana has a vibrant sense of humour and she loves reading <br> stories that feature comedic characters and amusing situations. |  |
| 2. Nisali is interested in reading non-fiction stories about the past to <br> understand how past events shape our future. |  |
| 3. Rajan loves reading fictions about teenagers' adventures which are full <br> of excitement, thrill and unpredictable scenarios. |  |
| 4. Marvan is interested in reading fictions about the adventures which <br> mix reality with imagination and specially the tales beyond our planet. |  |
| 5. Roshi enjoys reading fantasy stories which offer her a break from the <br> ordinary world and immerse her in a magical world. |  |

(a) You are the Secretary of the Sports Club in your school. You have organized a Certificate Awarding Ceremony to appreciate the achievements of the winners of the Provincial Level Competitions. Write a letter inviting a popular sportsman/ sports woman as the Chief Guest of the ceremony. Use about 100 words.
Include the following.

- date, time and the venue
- request to make a speech
- Ask for the acceptance of the invitation

OR
(b) The following pie chart shows the leisure time activities of the residents of Isuru Uyana. Study it and write a description about it. Use about 100 words.
You may use the following words /phrases in your description. Highest percentage, lowest percentage, more than, less than, equal

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## O Test 15

Read the following text and answer the questions given below.
(1) Flying kites is a timeless and common outdoor activity. These lightweight wonders have been captivating people across cultures for centuries. A colourful kite dancing in the sky adds a touch of magic to our outdoor entertainment. People enjoy flying kites irrespective of their age.
(2) Kites are typically made of paper or plastic. They come in various shapes and sizes, making each kite unique and interesting. To fly a kite, you need a bit of wind, a long string and an open space. When the wind catches the kite it lifts into the sky, swaying gracefully with the breeze. Holding onto the string allows you to guide the kite's movements making it climb higher or perform fun tricks.
(3) Kite flying is often a social activity that brings people together. Families, friends and communities gather in open fields or parks bringing their kites to join in the fun of flying kites. It's a wonderful way to spend quality time together outdoors. Making kites and flying kites are aften done as collaborative efforts. Both activities are wonderful team building experiences for all involved.
(4) People fly kites for many different reasons. For some adults, it's a nostalgic activity that takes them back to childhood. Competitive flying kites has become a popular sport in different parts of the world.
(5) Many entertainment options in the modern world come with an expensive price tag. However, kite flying stands as a cost effective form of entertainment. This simple outdoor activity offers people a refreshing escape from their stressful life style.
(1) Say whether the following statements are True or False. Put a $(\checkmark)$ in the relevant column.

|  | True | False |
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| 1. People of all ages enjoy flying kites. |  |  |
| 2. All kites are not lightweight. |  |  |
| 3. People fly kites only for the thrill of competition. |  |  |
| 4. Flying kites is a way of spending time together. |  |  |

( $1 / 2 \times 4=2$ marks)
Underline the correct answer for questions 2,3 and 4 from the options given for each of them.
( $1 \times 3=3$ marks $)$
(2) What do you need to fly a kite?
(a) previous experience
(b) wind and a long string
(c) families and friends
(3) What controls the direction of a kite?
(a) the wind
(b) the shape of the kite
(c) the person holding the string
(4) Choose the most appropriate subtitle for the 4th paragraph.
(a) Why people like flying kites
(b) How to fly a kite
(c) Low cost entertainment
(5) Find a word/phrase from the passage that is closest in meaning to each of the following. Write them below.
(a) unlike anything else (paragraph 1)
(b) a sudden feeling of excitement and pleasure (paragraph 4) $\qquad$ ( $1 \times 2=2 \mathrm{marks}$ )
(6) Find the most suitable sentence from the passage that describes the movement of a kite Write it below.
(1 mark)

## O Test 16

Write on one of the following topics. Use about 200 words.
(a) Write an article to a school magazine on 'Importance of the Historical Places in Sri Lanka' Include the following.

- A few places of historical value - Anurdhapura, Polonnaruwa
- Things that can be seen - ruins, temples, paintings and statues, tanks
- Importance - attract tourists, strengthen the economy
- How to protect these places - awareness programmes, changing attitudes, laws
(b) A speech you would make in the morning assembly on 'Importance of Water'. Include the following:
- Why it is important - for survival, as a vital resource, importance of it for different fields, scarcity of drinking water
- Water conservation - responsible usage in daily life, how people waste, tips on how children can prevent wastage of water at home and school
- Responsibilities - request others to prevent water pollution, make community aware
(c) Write an essay on 'Good Food Habits'. Include the following:
- A few food habits (not skipping any meal, eating homemade food, avoid eating fast food, taking fresh fruits and vegetables)
- Importance of good food habits (to be healthy and strong, prevent falling sick, attend school regularly, etc.)
- Value of good food habits for life
(d) Sarith and Kevin are friends. They are talking about their preparation and feelings about the term test.

Complete the dialogue between them.
Sarith : Hey, Kevin! The term test is just around the corner. How's your preparation?
Kevin: Honestly, I'm a bit nervous.
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