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ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS ON THIS PAPER ITSELF.

Paper II
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## O Test 09

Select the appropriate word from the brackets and write it in the space given.
There are many benefits of reading books loud to young children. First, reading aloud is a wonderful opportunity for parents to spend time in close contact with their children. After a busy day, reading a book can be a (1). $\qquad$ .(relax, relaxation, relaxing) way for a family to slow down and (2) .(communicate, communication, communicating). Another important feature of reading aloud is that many books have (3).
.(thought, thoughtful, thoughtfully) ideas or moral messages. Parents and children can explore these concepts together. In addition, listening to stories helps a child learn vocabulary and sentence structure. Moreover, some researchers (4). .(belief, believe, believable) that reading aloud to a child actually stimulates learning and benefits brain development. Studies have shown that children do better in school when their parents have read to them frequently. Psychologists, doctors, teachers and librarians (5) $\qquad$ .(encourage, encouragement, encouragingly) parents to read aloud on a regular basis to assist the development of the child and build close family relationships.

## O Test 10

Complete the question to get the underlined part as the answer. The first one is done for you.

1. Ridiyagama Safari Park is the first man made safari park in Sri Lanka. Which is the first man made safari park in Sri Lanka?
2. It is in Hambantota district.

Where $\qquad$
3. There are 22 species of animals living in the park.

How many $\qquad$
4. The park was opened to the public in 2016.

When - $\qquad$
5. Visitors can stay at the park for four hours.

How long - $\qquad$
6. The ticket for an adult is Rs. 500.00 .

How much - $\qquad$

## O Test 11

Fill in the blanks with the words given in the box.

> with / sensation / bad / as / of / video / realistic / the / different / games / technology /options / thrilling / much

It is no news that video games are fascinating and because of the graphics along with sound effects give the player a real-like experience. The 1)..................game industry has also started experimenting 2). $\qquad$ .virtual reality resulting in even more 3 ) $\qquad$ games which give the player the 4) $\qquad$ of truly witnessing the activities of 5) $\qquad$ .game. But we all know that 6 ) $\qquad$ .has both good and 7) $\qquad$ effects. The condition is not much 8). $\qquad$ when it comes to video games 9) $\qquad$ well. There are several benefits of playing video 10 ). $\qquad$ .similarly, there are also adverse effects 11). $\qquad$ .the same. Now we have video games with12)..................higher graphics, better storyline, and even more 13) This makes the gaming experience more 14) $\qquad$ .and enjoyable; however, it does not change the fact that video games have turned almost an entire generation into couch potatoes.

## O Test 12

Complete the following passage using the most appropriate form of the verb given within brackets. In today's world, technology (1) $\qquad$ (play) a pivotal role in shaping our lives. Over the past few decades, there (2) $\qquad$ (be) a significant transformation in the way we interact with machines and devices. We (3). $\qquad$ (witness) an explosion of innovation in the tech industry. Smartphones, for example, (4) $\qquad$ (become) an indispensable part of our daily routine. People (5) $\qquad$ (rely) on them for communication, work, and entertainment.

## O Test 13

Read the following notices displayed on the school noticeboard. Match them with the preferences of five students. Write the correct letter of the notice in the box.

## Notice

(A) A drawing competition has been organized by Shankar Foundation in India for school children. Hand over your drawing certified by the Art teacher to the Art society before $14^{\text {th }}$ of July.

## Contact 071-8818818

- Art Society
(C) Super Inventor Awards 2023 has been organized by the New Inventors Club of the school. Those who wish to present new inventions, hand over the application before $10^{\text {th }}$ August.

Fore more details contact Madura on 076-2322232.

- Science Club

| Name | Description | Letter <br> of the <br> Notice |
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| 1. | She loves organic <br> farming. She likes <br> to spend her leisure <br> time in the garden. <br> Thanulya <br> Last year she won the <br> $1^{\text {st place at the inter- }}$ <br> school gardening <br> competition. | $\square$ |
| 2. | He is very good at <br> creating new things. <br> During his leisure <br> time he likes to <br> make things using <br> discarded <br> items at home. | $\square$ |
| Nemitha |  |  |

(B) There will be a competition to create a blog for the school e-magazine. Competitors are allowed to select any topic. In your blog you have to include different sub-topics, inforgraphics, videos, internal and external links. Write a brief introduction about the author. Hand over your entry form before $12^{\text {th }}$ July.

- E-society
(D) The Aesthetic Society of the school has organized a Talent Show at the end of the year. Those who are interested in music and dancing can hand over an application form to the society before $10^{\text {th }}$ August.
- Aesthetic Society
(E) The Agriculture Society has organized a competition to mark the Global Green Day. Entry forms are available at the society.
Handover your forms before 12th August.
- Agriculture Society

| 3. <br> Sajida | She won a gold medal at the <br> All-Island Art Exhibition for <br> her piece of art work. She's <br> good at oil painting. | $\square$ |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 4. | He's not good at drawing but <br> Ahe is a talented Tabla player. <br> He can play the violin too. <br> He's the youngest in the <br> school junior orchestra. | $\square$ |
|  | He is a creative writer. He <br> has followed many online <br> computer courses at the <br> Youth Council. He has a <br> certificate for a 3 months <br> Graphics Designing course. | $\square$ |
| Rizvan | $\square$ |  |

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## O Test 14

A) Your best friend migrated to Australia with the family last month. Write a letter to your best friend describing a programme organized by the school to celebrate 'The World Water Day'. Use about 100 words.

Include the following;

- name of the programme, time and place
- reasons for organizing
- participants
- what you did
B) The following bar graph shows the projects done by Grade 11 students of Beruwala Maha Vidyalalya to help students to improve their reading skills. Write a description about their project. The following words and phrases given in the box may help you. Use about 100 words.
most, equal, least, more popular, less than, less popular

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## O Test 15

Read the following text and answer the questions.
Once upon a time, there lived a young girl named Lily in a small village. She had a deep appreciation of beautiful things. Lily had always been fascinated by the dazzling gold jewelery adorning the market stalls.

One day, as she was passing through the village market, she caught sight of a gold necklace gleaming in a shop window. Its radiant glow mesmerized her, and she could not resist the temptation to possess such a precious piece.

Determined to make the necklace her own, Lily saved every penny she had earned from her work. After weeks of painstaking savings, she finally had enough money to buy the necklace. With a heart full of excitement, she ran towards the shop, handed over her hard-earned coins to the shopkeeper and eagerly wrapped the necklace around her neck.

As soon as Lily got home, she felt a sense of accomplishment, but her joy was soon waned. The necklace, though beautiful, began to tarnish. The once bright gold began to fade and leave green marks on her skin. Lily was devastated. She longed for something that seemed valuable and perfect, only to discover its true worth.

Heartbroken, she returned to the shop, tears welling up in her eyes. Seeing her distress, the shopkeeper went to her out of pity. He explained that the necklace is not made of real gold, but is merely a cheap imitation. It was designed to deceive people with its shiny appearance, but its true value was far from prying eyes.

Frustrated but wiser, Lily realized the profound lesson life has taught her. She understood that not everything that glitters and looks valuable is real. The true value lies beyond the surface, in qualities such as honesty, kindness, and integrity.

From that day onwards, Lily focused on appreciating the beauty that lies within the people and things. She sought genuine relationships, valuing purity of heart more than material possessions. Through her experiences, she became a beacon of wisdom, guiding others to look beyond the glitz and glam and find true value in the world around them.

1) Lily was fond of,
a) things of glitter
b) gold jewelery
c) gold coins
2) What was her idea when she first saw the necklace at the shop?
$\qquad$
3) Why did the necklace begin to tarnish?
$\qquad$
4) The intention of designing of the necklace was $\qquad$
5) Write the lesson she learnt out of this experience.
6) Find synonyms from the passage for the following words.
a. completely disappointed $\qquad$
b. deep in knowledge. $\qquad$
7) Find the sentence that says, that she learned to value spiritual things than the material things.

## O Test 16

Write on one of the following. Use about 200 words.
a) Write an article to a school magazine on 'Importance of conserving water'.

Include;

- importance of water- (Daily purposes, cultivation)
- human activities leading to pollution (adding chemicals to water, throwing garabage to water ways)
- suggestions to preserve water
b) A speech you would make in the morning assembly on 'Sports for healthy life' Include;
- What is a healthy life?
- How sports help it (mental development, physical development)
- your message for your friends
c) Write an essay on 'Technology provides us an interesting learning platform'

Include;

- what technology is
- some learning platforms
- advantages/disadvantages of using them
- how you can use them fruitfully
d) Complete the dialogue between Arul and Thamod.
- Arul - Hi, Thamod. We are meeting after a long time. How was the vacation?
- Thamod- Oh! It was really $\qquad$


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