

He shook the driver and asked "Why? What (7).....(be) the problem?" No response (8)..... (make) by the driver. The bus was going fast, and nobody was driving it. Jayantha had to stop the bus! He put his hands on the steering wheel and his left foot on the brake. He drove the bus to the left side of the street. Slowly, he stopped the bus. An ambulance (9)..... (arrive) and took the bus driver to the hospital. All the passengers on the bus were OK. Jayantha is a management assistant but one day, for five minutes, he became a bus driver. If he (10)..... (not take) his decision at the right time to stop the bus, many passengers would have been injured that day.

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Question 3

Underline the correct word/phrase from those given within brackets to fill in the blanks in the following text. (10 marks)

Relationships can be described as the connections we share with

(1)..... (another/other/much) people. Throughout our lives, we form (2)..... (magnificent/different/huge) kinds of relationships with many people. The first and the (3)..... (closing/closer/closest) relationships we form are usually with our parents and other family members. We continue to form new relationships throughout our lives.

The close bonds (4)..... (us/we/ourselves) share with our friends can be formed as children, as teenagers, or as adults. You have probably made (5).....(a little/much/many) close friends in your primary school.

You may have even made close friends in your present class.

(6)..... (In order that/After/As if) you leave school too, you will continue to make friends, (7)..... (whether/neither/both) you go for higher education or for a job.

An important (8)..... (section/division/part) of our lives as we grow older is the close relationships that we form with our life partners. They are (9)..... (rarely/probably/occasionally) the most intimate of all relationships. According to some cultures, this is described as falling in love. According to such cultures, one must be in love in order to marry. (10)..... , (Therefore/As a result/However) according to some other cultures, marriage can precede love.

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Question 4

Underline the most appropriate word from those given within brackets. (05 marks)

(1) People all over the world use different devices to
(see/enter/access) internet.

(2) Speaking English will (extend/enlarge/boost) your confidence.

(3) The doctor ordered the fully-recovered patient to be
(departed/discharged/deported) from the hospital.

(4) Pandit W. D. Amaradeva was an (amiable/efficient/ eminent)
Sri Lankan vocalist. He is a well known musician in Sri Lanka.

(5) The selected candidate is responsible for achieving monthly sales
..... (targets/aims/calculations) given by the company.

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Question 5

Underline the correct word-ending, selecting from those given in brackets. (05 marks)

- (1) The Maradana College of Technology is the old..... (er/est/ish) technical college in Sri Lanka.
- (2) Ravindran was always obedi..... (ent/ence/ently) to his mother's wish.
- (3) Kamal's person.....(ally/al/alise) information was used by an unknown person to hack into his bank account.
- (4) Azaad lifted the heavy chair effort..... (s/less/lessly) because he is very strong.
- (5) There is encourag..... (ement/es/ingly) from the government for graduates to become self-employed.

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PART-A

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○ PART B – READING and WRITING [25 marks]**Question 6**

Underline the option that best expresses the meaning of each of the sentences given below in **bold print**. (05 marks)

- (1) **Mr. Molagoda has never been to Jaffna.**
 - a) Mr. Molagoda is in Jaffna now.
 - b) Mr. Molagoda has not visited Jaffna at all.
 - c) Mr. Molagoda does not hope to visit Jaffna.
 - d) Mr. Molagoda has visited Jaffna several times.
- (2) **Since the diploma course was too expensive, Nuwanga decided to follow a certificate course.**
 - a) Nuwanga could not afford to follow the diploma course.
 - b) Nuwanga did not want to follow a cheaper course of study.
 - c) Nuwanga wanted to follow only a highly advanced course of study.
 - d) Nuwanga was eligible to follow only the certificate course.
- (3) **Despite the warnings by the government, people rushed to cities to buy essential items.**
 - a) The government asked people to buy essential items from cities as soon as possible.
 - b) People went to cities to buy essential items on the request of the government.
 - c) People went to cities to buy essential items although the government told not to do so.
 - d) People always buy essential items from cities as it is convenient for them to do so.
- (4) **A woman who did not pay back Rs. 950,000 after obtaining it from three persons was taken into custody.**
 - a) A woman and three persons who illegally earned money were arrested.
 - b) A woman who helped three persons to illegally earn money was arrested.
 - c) Three persons who cheated a woman were arrested.
 - d) A woman who cheated three persons was arrested.
- (5) **Had the Landmaster been invented before 1955, farmers wouldn't have used imported tractors.**
 - a) The Landmaster was invented before 1955 so people did not use imported tractors.
 - b) The Landmaster had not been invented before 1955 so farmers used imported tractors.
 - c) The Landmaster was invented before 1955 but farmers continued to use imported tractors.
 - d) The Landmaster had not been invented before 1955 so farmers did not use imported tractors.

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Question 7

Read the following **four** news items and answer the questions (a) and (b). **(10 marks)**

①

Past teachers appreciated

As a part of "Teachers' Day" programme of Kalpitiya Maha Vidyalaya, 42 teachers who had taught in the school were taken on a trip last Saturday. The trip was organized by the Old Students' Association of the school. The chairman of the association, Dr. Anura Silva said, " Our teachers first visited the Sithulpawwa temple, where they engaged in a number of religious activities. Then they visited several interesting places in the South and had lunch at the Navy Camp in Tangalle." Dr. Silva further said that one of the objectives of organizing this event was to set an example to the younger generation that they should respect and pay gratitude to their teachers who shaped their lives turning them into humans they are today.

(Monday, 27 July 2020)

②

Free medical camp

The Old Boys' Association of Ruwanwella Boys' School organized a free Medical Camp at the school premises last Friday. Over five hundred persons in the area attended the camp to obtain medical services from specialized doctors. During the camp, the health issues were addressed and the participants were educated about the good health habits. Mosquito nets, dry rations, clothes and stationery for school children received from different organizations and other donors were distributed among the participants.

(Monday, 27 July 2020)

③

A three-wheeler donated to Elders Home

Social Responsibility Trust of Jayaviru (Pvt) Bank yesterday donated a three-wheeler to the 'Kaduwela Elders Home' in response to a request from the Home. The three-wheeler will be used to take elderly persons for medical treatment and for other essential transport. The donation was made to the Home by Mr. S. Palihakkara, the Manager of Jayaviru (Pvt) Bank, Kaduwela Branch.

(Monday, 27 July 2020)

④

Suspects transporting cattle arrested

The Biyagama police day-before yesterday arrested four men who were allegedly transporting a herd of cattle consisting of fifteen cows in Makola area. The suspects were transporting the cattle to an undisclosed site to be slaughtered. The police officers were on a routine patrol in the area at the time when they arrested the four men. The suspects and the cattle were taken to the Biyagama police for further investigations.

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(a) Underline the most appropriate response in each of the questions from (i) – (v).

(i). How many persons participated in the medical camp?

(1) Exactly five hundred	(2) More than five hundred
(3) Less than five hundred	(4) Number of participants not given

(ii). Which of the following incidents happened on Sunday?

(1) Illegal transport of cattle	(2) Donation of a three-wheeler
(3) Medical Camp	(4) Trip organized by past students

(iii). Who/What does the pronoun 'they' refer to in the news item ① ?

(1) younger generation	(2) past teachers
(3) interesting places	(4) past students

(iv). Which of the following is **not** given in the news item about the illegal transport of cattle ?

(1) Number of police officers involved
(2) Number of cows being transported
(3) Which police station carries investigations
(4) When the suspects were taken into custody

(v). The underlined phrase 'undisclosed site' in the news item ④ most nearly means,
(1) a safe place (2) an open place
(3) a known place (4) an unknown place

(b) Do the following statements agree with the information given in the above text?
In boxes (vi) – (x), write **True**, **False** or **Not Given**.

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True	If the statement is correct
False	If the statement is wrong
Not Given	If there is no sufficient information

Statements	
(vi) During the trip, the past teachers visited the Sithulpawwa temple before they had their lunch.	
(vii) The only aim of organizing the past teachers' trip was to set an example to younger generation.	
(viii) All the items distributed among the participants of the medical camp were donated by the past students of Ruwanwella Boys' School.	
(ix) The Elders Home had informed that they were in need of a vehicle.	
(x) The suspects arrested were transporting the cattle using a lorry.	

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Question 8

Write a paragraph beginning with the given sentence. Use about 75 – 100 words.

Do not exceed the word limit. Do not write more than one paragraph. **(10 marks)**

There are many advantages of learning English.

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PART -B

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Question 02

Read the following text and answer the questions (1) and (2). **(10 marks)**

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- ① My name is Thanuja Samarasena. I'm 22 years old. I'm from Passara. My father is a labourer in a tea estate. My mother is a housewife. I have only one sister. I studied at Passara Maha Vidyalaya. I studied up to the G.C.E. Advanced Level. But I didn't get through the exam. So, I started to follow the Higher National Diploma course in Human Resource Management at the Advanced Technological Institute (ATI), Badulla.
- ② At the ATI, we were taught theory from the beginning. So, it was easy. Here, we also have to **interact** with everyone and learn with everyone. So, it is very interesting. I had never visited Colombo before. But during my course, we visited Colombo three times.
- ③ I have already completed the theoretical component of the course. Now, I am following the practical component in a workplace through an in-plant training. I have been getting this practical training in a leading business company in Badulla for the last three months.
- ④ When I told my parents about this course at the beginning, they didn't know anything about vocational training. They asked me why I wanted to follow such a course. But my parents understood the importance of this vocational training after I started my practical training. Then they allowed my sister also to follow a course at the ATI. Now she is following a course in Hospitality Management at the ATI, Badulla.
- ⑤ Those who study **here** can get a good job. You can even find an overseas employment after you get the certificate. But I like to stay in Passara where I grew up, and contribute to develop my country without going to another country.

(1) Do the following statements agree with the information given in the above text?

In boxes (I) - (VIII), write **True or False**.

True	If the statement is correct
False	If the statement is wrong

	Statements	
(I)	A candidate must have passed G.C.E. Advanced Level Examination to gain admission into Higher National Diploma course in Human Resource Management at the ATI.	
(II)	Thanuja found it very difficult to understand the theory part of her course.	
(III)	Thanuja could visit Colombo only after joining the course at the ATI.	
(IV)	At present, Thanuja receives her practical training.	
(V)	Thanuja's parents asked her to follow a course at the ATI after her G.C.E. Advanced Level Examination.	
(VI)	Thanuja's sister had started to follow the course at the ATI before Thanuja joined it.	
(VII)	Both Thanuja and her sister follow the same course at the ATI.	
(VIII)	Thanuja has no intention of getting a job abroad.	

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(2) Underline the most appropriate response to complete the following sentences.

I) The word 'interact' in paragraph ② most nearly means,

- (a) work with pleasure
- (b) communicate ideas
- (c) listen carefully
- (d) improve knowledge

II) The word 'here' in paragraph ⑤ refers to,

(a) Badulla district (b) Passara (c) ATI (d) Colombo

Question 03

Read the following poem and underline the most appropriate response to each of the questions from I - V. **(05 marks)**

You may see me struggle
but you won't see me fall.
Regardless if I'm weak or not
I'm going to stand tall.
Everyone says life is easy
but truly living it is not.
Times get hard,
people struggle
and constantly get put on the spot.
I'm going to wear the biggest smile
even though I want to cry.
I'm going to fight to live
even though I'm destined to die.
And even though it's hard
and I may struggle through it all.
You may see me struggle...
but you will never see me fall.

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1) What does "fall" most nearly mean in the phrase 'you won't see me fall'?

(a) moving down from a higher place (b) become unsuccessful
(c) become sick (d) die in battle

II) Which of the following adjectives is most appropriate to describe the speaker of the poem?

(a) courageous (b) inquisitive (c) negative (d) cruel

III) Which of the following is the most appropriate title to this poem?

IV) Which of the following best expresses the opinion of the speaker?

- a) Life is something which is very easy.
- b) It is not necessary to work hard.
- c) We must be ready to win challenges.
- d) We must always fight against our enemies.

V) What does the pronoun "**it**" in bold print refer to?

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Question 04

Fill in the blanks based on the information given in the following passage. (05 marks)

An extended family comprises of multiple generations living together under the same roof. Some extended families may also include grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins who share the same household. There are many benefits of living with an extended family. First, family members who are a part of extended families experience emotional bonding. They might not achieve this bonding if they are living further apart. Second, the family members can spend time with their loved ones. Elderly parents might feel lonely when they do not have their companions around them. But living closely with their family members can make them feel happy. Third, one of the primary benefits of living with an extended family is that it reduces the family's financial strain as it is a more affordable option.

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A notable feature of an extended family is that its members belong to several (i) and they all live in the same place. There are a number of (ii) of living with an extended family. First, these family members develop strong family (iii) with each other. Second, every member of the house can share (iv) with the others. Third, members of extended families receive (v) benefits.

Q. 4

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Question 05

Read the following text and answer the questions from I - V.

The first sentence in paragraph ② has been left out.

(20 marks)

- ① When students select their Advanced Level (A.L) subjects, they make their decision based on several factors. One is their preference for certain subjects. There are subjects they like more than others. Another is the inherent skills they have identified in themselves for certain subjects. Whatever the subjects they select, most of **them** wish to enter a university to continue their education.
- ② The best-known ones are the state universities. For example, the University of Jaffna is today the home of eight faculties with 57 academic departments. The University of Ruhuna, another leading university in Sri Lanka, consists of ten faculties with 57 departments. In fact, each university has several faculties and there are various departments in each faculty. For example, in the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, the Faculty of Agriculture has four departments.
- ③ There are many subjects in each faculty related to the programme of study. For example, in Arts Faculties in the state university system, you can study subjects from the humanities and the social sciences. In fact, the arts faculty is known as the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. Here, you find a range of subjects such as classical languages and literature, modern languages and literature, religious studies, political science and geography.
- ④ Most state universities do not charge fees; **they** teach most of their programmes free of charge to undergraduates. Further, when you enter a university as an undergraduate, you are also entitled to all the facilities provided by the university either free of charge, or at a heavily subsidized rate. These facilities include library use, access to the internet and use of computer labs, accommodation for the most deserving students, etc.
- ⑤ However, there is stiff competition to get into state universities. Because of **this**, only a small percentage of qualified students get the opportunity since there is only a limited number of places. As a result, the number of private higher education providers in Sri Lanka is growing. The Ministry of Higher Education can grant private institutions degree-awarding authority. Admission to such private institutions too is based on Advanced Level examination results, although admission standards may be less rigorous than at state universities.

I) Do the following statements agree with the information given in the above text?

In boxes (a) – (f), write **True**, **False** or **Not Given**.

True	If the statement is correct
False	If the statement is wrong
Not Given	If there is no sufficient information on this

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Statements	
(a)	If the students select the A.L subjects they like most, there is a higher chance for them to enter a state university.
(b)	The number of faculties in the University of Jaffna is equal to the number of faculties in the University of Ruhuna.
(c)	Literature is offered by Faculties of Humanities and Social Sciences in state universities.
(d)	State universities provide hostel facilities for all the undergraduates.
(e)	All the facilities offered by state universities are provided free of charge.
(f)	Degree-awarding private institutions in Sri Lanka consider A.L examination results in their student enrolment process.

(06 marks)

II) Underline the most appropriate option to complete the missing sentence in paragraph ② .

- (a) Now, there are many private universities in Sri Lanka.
- (b) There are many types of universities in Sri Lanka.
- (c) Most of the students like to enter a state university.
- (d) Most of the universities belong to the state sector.

(01 mark)

III) In which paragraph do you include the following information if you wish to extend each paragraph further?

Match the information with the paragraphs of the text and write the number of the paragraph in the relevant box.

Information	Number of the paragraph
(a) Percentage of A.L students enrolled in state universities	
(b) Subject choice of students before university entrance	
(c) Facilities provided by the universities	
(d) Information on number of faculties	
(e) Information on subjects offered by faculties	

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IV) Who/What do the following pronouns in **bold** print refer to? (05 marks)

- (a) **them** (paragraph ①)
- (b) **they** (paragraph ④)
- (c) **this** (paragraph ⑤)

(03 marks)

V) Write **one word** in each blank, selecting from the passage, which means the same as the following.

- (a) judgement that a person makes
- (b) the fact that you like something more/ have greater interest in
- (c) university student studying for his/her first degree
- (d) more difficult than usual
- (e) increasing in number

(05 marks)

PART - A

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PART B**DIALOGUES [25 MARKS]**For
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How do you respond in each of the following situations? Write only **one** sentence or question for each, beginning with the word/s given. **(05 marks)**

I. Your best friend conducted a presentation at the meeting of the Literary Association.

You want to appreciate it.

"It....."

II. One of your friends asks you about your plans after the A Level examination.

"I

III. You are the captain of your school volleyball team. Your team has won the all-island championship. A journalist asks you to express your feelings.

"I

IV. You couldn't participate in the house-warming ceremony of your best friend's family.

You want to make an apology with a reason.

"I'm sorry,

V. You go for a job interview. During the interview, the interviewer tells you to ask anything you would like to know. Ask one question.

"Sir/Madam,?"

Q. 6

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Question 07

Complete the following dialogue between Methni and Fareena.

Do not use **more than two** sentences/questions in each blank.

(05 marks)

Fareena : Good morning.

Methni : Good morning, Fareena.

Fareena : Methni, did you go to Pahanmi's birthday party last Sunday?

Methni : (i).....
.....

Fareena : Studying for an examination? Which examination?

Methni : (ii).....

Fareena : O Level English! Again?

Methni : Yes, I have only an 'S' pass for O Level English.
(iii).....?

Fareena : Well, I have an 'A' pass. Anyway, the best thing you can do is to write answers for some past papers and model papers. That's what I did.

Methni : (iv).....?

Fareena : You can buy them from any local bookshop.

Methni : (v).....?

Fareena : No, not very expensive.

Methni : Thanks.

Fareena : You're welcome.

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Question 08

The following short advertisement was published in a local newspaper.

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**After A/Ls?
Want to follow an IT Course?
Contact: Manager, Institute of IT Studies
Tel: 011223567**

Imagine that you are interested in following an IT course. You want to get more details about the courses available. So, you contact the Manager over the phone. Write out the telephone conversation that takes place between the Manager and you. Each one should speak at least **five times**. **(15 marks)**

(15 marks)

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PART C

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WRITING SKILLS [65 marks]

Question 09

Select any five words from the list of nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs given below and use each one of them in a **meaningful sentence**. You may use the verbs in any tense. Do not change the form of the other words. (05 marks)

Nouns	achiever, employer
Verbs	create, hate, violate
Adjectives	cultural, harmful, eldest
Adverbs	briefly, seriously

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IV.

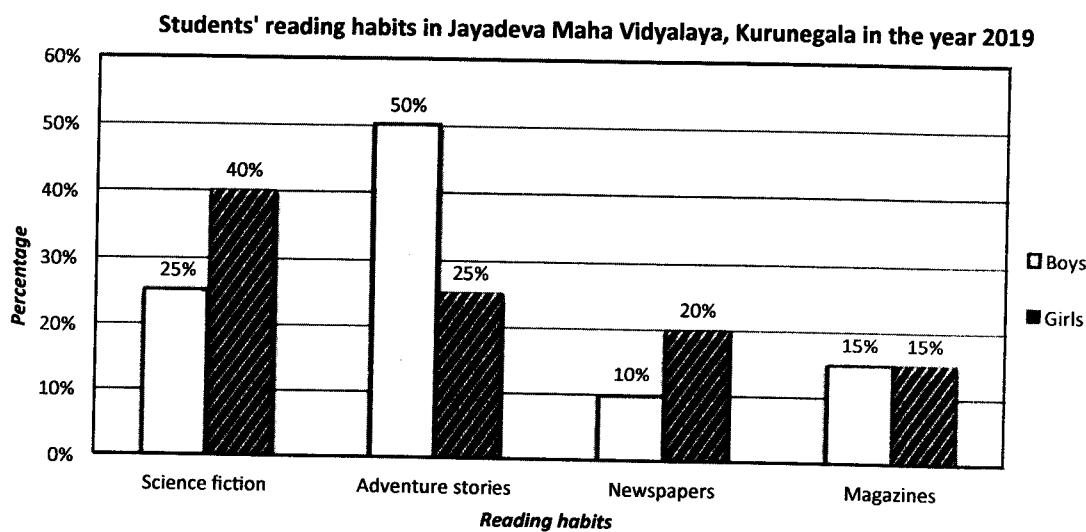
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Question 10

The bar chart below shows the reading habits of students in Jayadeva Maha Vidyalaya, Kurunegala in the year 2019. Describe the information by reporting the main features and making comparisons where relevant. Use about 75 words. (10 marks)



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Question 11

Imagine that you are the Secretary of the Nature Club of Damsiri Maha Vidyalaya, Bentota. Your Club decides to start a home garden in the school. You wish to have a meeting to discuss it. Write a suitable notice to be displayed about this meeting, inviting Advanced Level students to participate. Use any relevant imaginary details.

Use about **50-75** words. Do **not** exceed this word limit.

(15 marks)

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Question 12

Your school, Rajasingham Maha Vidyalaya in Vavuniya, is organizing the Annual Sports Day. The organizing committee has decided to invite Mr. Kumar Sangakkara, the former cricket captain to deliver a talk on this day. As the secretary of sports committee, write a letter, inviting him. Use about 75-100 words. Do not exceed this word limit. (15 marks)

(15 marks)

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Question 13

Complete the following story, using an imaginary situation. Use about 150-200 words.

After an extra class yesterday, I was on my way home. I looked at my watch. It was 6.40 p.m. Everywhere, it was dark and cloudy. There was no electricity. It was lightning and about to rain. I began to run to the bus-stop as fast as I could. (20 marks)

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