

For More Past Papers : tamilguru.lk



SLIATE

SRI LANKA INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGICAL EDUCATION

(Established in the Ministry of Higher Education, vide in Act No. 29 of 1995)

HIGHER NATIONAL DIPLOMA IN ENGLISH

SELECTION TEST (A) - 2017

Instructions for candidates: * Answer all questions on the paper itself

Time: 02 hours

For office use only

TOTAL MARKS

Index number:

Question 01 (10 marks/10 minutes)

Match each word in the first column with its definition in the second column

- | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
|1. genocide | a. sent back |
|2. audible | b. feeling pity |
|3. verify | c. destruction of a race |
|4. tenacious | d. in disguise |
|5. rejected | e. talkative |
|6. fidelity | f. can be seen |
|7. loquacious | g. can be heard |
|8. antagonize | h. faithfulness |
|9. incognito | i. holding fast |
|10. Pathos | j. struggle against |
| | k. show to be true |

For More Past Papers
tamilguru.lk

Question 02 (20 marks/30 minutes)

Complete the sentence using the word or set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

1. If _____ a man on the moon, why can't we sort out paper-jams?!?!
 - a. we are landing
 - b. they were able to land
 - c. we had landed
 - d. they had landed
2. It'll be fine _____ you do it the way I told you.
 - a. As like
 - b. As could
 - c. So as
 - d. As long as
3. Sarah would have made sure John was here _____ were coming too.
 - a. When she had known I
 - b. If he has known you
 - c. If she had known you
 - d. If she knew
4. You're not that good at singing - _____ yourself!
 - a. Get rid of
 - b. Get over
 - c. Get out
 - d. Get lost
5. _____ different food from all over the world in London.
 - a. There are a lot of
 - b. There's loads of
 - c. There's many
 - d. There is a lot of
6. How many times _____ not to do that?
 - a. Haven't I told you
 - b. Have I told
 - c. I told you
 - d. Have I told you
7. "What's up with him?" "Oh, _____ mood about something."
 - a. He's in angry
 - b. He's in a bad
 - c. He had a bad
 - d. He has a angry

For More Past Papers
tamilguru.lk

8. "Paul loves his new job in the States." "What? I didn't _____ abroad!"

- a. even know he was living
- b. even knew he is living
- c. know he has lived
- d. know he does live

9. Remind me again - what _____ tea tonight?

- a. Do you like for
- b. Do you want
- c. You want to have for
- d. Did you want for

10. "James said that _____ word with me." "Yeah, come in and have a seat."

- a. you can have a
- b. you wanted to have a
- c. you will want to have a
- d. you had a

QUESTION 03 (10 marks/ 10 minutes)

Mark the following statements as true (T) or false(F) according to the meaning of the underlined word.

- 01. Lack of fidelity in a marriage could lead to divorce.
- 02. A belligerent person would probably be very beautiful.
- 03. Someone travelling incognito would be easily recognized.
- 04. A nominal effort would be awarded with a large salary.
- 05. A tenacious person would pursue his goals persistently.
- 06. Audible comments would be unable to be heard.
- 07. Chronic behavior happens infrequently.
- 08. Demographic data would serve only one political party.
- 09. Genocide targets only the oldest citizens for destruction.
- 10. It's rarely a good idea to antagonize your boss.

QUESTION 04 (10 marks/ 10 minutes)

Complete the email. Write one word for each space.

Thank you for letting me stay 1.you in Japan last week. Japan is a great country and 2.was really nice to spend a 3.....days with you and your family. I learned so 4.....about Japanese cooking from your mother. I really enjoyed meeting your friends 5..... the university too. Please say hello to all of 6..... I 7.like to come back to Japan. If I do that, I'll make sure I can speak more 8 your language. What 9.the best Japanese text book? I 10.....everyone in your family is well.

QUESTION 05 (20 marks/ 20 minutes)

Read the passage below. Then answer questions about errors in the passage.

The Arctic fox is 1) compareable in size to the domestic cat. It inhabits the so-called 2) kingdom of the polar bear the area midway between Norway and the North Pole. This canine predator 3) changes to extreme weather conditions. During the winter months, 4) it's white coat is ideal camouflage in these rough northern climates. The Arctic fox can roam all winter without 5) hibernating its fur is the thickest of all Arctic mammals. Its insulation 6) permits it to grow even though winter temperatures normally fall to -50 degrees Celsius. When nutrition becomes scarce, the Arctic fox may follow polar bears as they pursue seals on the 7) perilous sea ice. This strategy is 8) hazardous not only because of the possibility of falling into freezing water, but also because polar bears will consume Arctic foxes if they can catch them.

- 1) A. comparable (02 marks)
B. compareable
C. comparible
D. comparible
E. Correct as is

- 2) A. kingdom of the polar bear, (03 marks)
B. "kingdom of the polar bear",
C. "kingdom of the polar bear,"



D. "kingdom of the polar bear,"

E. Correct as is

3) A. adjusts (03 marks)

B. alters

C. flexes

D. adapts

E. suits

F. applies

4) A. a white coat (03 marks)

B. its white coat

C. it's coat

D. the white coat

E. Correct as is

5) A. hibernating, (03 marks)

B. hibernating.

C. hibernating;

D. hibernating:

E. Correct as is

6) A. allows it to move even when (03 marks)

B. enables it to survive, even though

C. sets it at a disadvantage, even where

D. permits it to flourish, however

E. authorizes it to maintain, although

F. Correct as is

7) A. uninhabitable (03 marks)

B. risky

C. heavy

D. cautious

E. level

F. Correct as is

QUESTION 06 (5x4=20+ 10=30 marks/ 30 minutes)

Read the passage. Then answer the questions below.

Summer Rain

The worst days of any summer are the rainy ones. We spend all year looking forward to nice weather and long, hot days. All of winter, with its dreary gray days and bitter cold, we dream of those endless days at the beach, laying on the sand and soaking in the bright and burning sun.

For More Past Papers

tamilguru.lk

And then, summer comes, and it rains. As a child, I would wake up to rainy summer days and come close to crying. It wasn't fair. We suffered through months of school and miserable weather for those scant ten weeks of freedom and balmy weather. Any day that I could not spend at the beach or playing ball with my friends seemed like a punishment for something I didn't even do. On those rainy summer days, I had nothing fun to do and could only sit inside, staring out at the rain like a Dickensian orphan. I was an only child, so there was no one else to play with. My father worked from home, so I was not truly alone, but he could not actively play with me since he was technically at work. It was those days that I would resign myself to whatever was on television or any books that I could find lying around. I'd crawl through the day and pray each night that the rain would not be there the next day. As an adult, though, my opinion of summer rain has changed. When you have to work every day, summer is not as eagerly anticipated. Mostly, the days run together, bleeding into each other so that they no longer seem like separate entities and instead feel like continuations of the same long day. Everything seems monotonous and dull, and an ennui or listlessness kicks in. Such a mindset makes you cheer for anything new or different. I spend the winter dreaming of summer and the summer dreaming of winter. When summer comes, I complain about how hot it is. And then I look forward to the rain, because the rain brings with it a cold front, which offers a **reprieve**—admittedly one that is all too short—from the torture of 100° and humid days. Rainy days are still the worst days of the summer, but summer rain today means positively beautiful—and considerably cooler—weather tomorrow.

1) According to the passage, summer is different for adults because

- A. rain brings with it cold temperatures for the following days
- B. the weather is much warmer than it is for children
- C. they do not get a long time off from work for the season
- D. they better know how to occupy their downtime

2) According to the passage, which of the following is a true statement about the narrator as a child?

- A. He or she was often bored on summer days.
- B. He or she preferred cooler weather.
- C. He or she liked staying indoors.
- D. He or she had no siblings.

3) Compared to how he or she was as a child, the narrator as an adult is

- A. more realistic
- B. less excitable

C. more idealistic

D. less calm

4) As used in the final paragraph, the word reprieve most nearly means

A. a permanent conclusion

B. a short continuation

C. a higher level of pain

D. a temporary break

5) The author of this passage describes his or her feelings about rainy summer days. In general, how do you feel about such days? Do you agree with the author's opinions, or do you not mind this type of weather? Briefly explain your views below in ten sentences. (10 marks)

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

GOOD LUCK!

For More Past Papers
tamilguru.lk

