

# RESULTS UPLIFTING PROGRAMME - 2021

St Mary's college - Kegalle

Grade 13

General English - Paper I

Part A - Grammar and Vocabulary

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## Question No 01

(01) Fill in the blanks using the prepositions given appropriately.

with, of, in, to, on, at

1. My sister is good.....music.
2. The principal is ..... a meeting.
3. My parents are proud ..... me.
4. I was delighted ..... see my parents.
5. We formed groups ..... three and played the game.
6. She looked beautiful ..... her long black hair.
7. I saw an elephant ..... my way to school.
8. Kamal drove his car .....a very high speed.

(02) Fill in the blanks using the given words. The first one is done for you.

with , by , near , in , to , on

Dear Amali,

We have (1) to go to school early (2) ..... the morning. Can you come (3) ..... 6.30 to my place? Saduni will be waiting (4) ..... the public library. I heard that there is a bus strike tomorrow. Therefore we have to go (5) ..... foot. Please come with your sister.

Tharushi

**(03) Fill in the blanks with the given prepositions.**

out of, down, over, away, below

1. My car broke ..... ; I could not start it.
2. Sudden floods can sweep cars .....
3. Cars sometimes run.....animals.
4. The tank is empty. We will run .....petrol.
5. The water level was ..... my knee.

**(04) Fill in the blanks using suitable pronouns from the box given.**

with, under, in, at, on, opposite, to, into, for, out

One early morning, Deshan was waiting .....a bus .....the bus halt. There was a small abandoned house just .....the bus halt. Suddenly a tall man ..... a beard came running ..... of the house and got ..... a car which had stopped ..... a tree ..... the road. There was another man ..... the car. In a second, the car rushed away very fast, Deshan felt something strange. Therefore, he took his phone and made a call ..... the nearest police station.

**(05) Select the most suitable prepositions from the brackets to fill in the blanks.**

in , between , under , on , across, after , behind , without , at , over , into

- a) Nimal sat ..... the table and had his lunch.
- b) Saman was absent ..... Monday.
- c) The rat ran ..... the hole.
- d) The dog sat ..... the two cats.
- e) The boys swam ..... the river.
- f) A cat ran ..... a rat.
- g) The little boy hid ..... a cupboard.
- h) The farmers rested ..... a big tree.
- i) I like to live ..... a city.
- j) She likes tea ..... sugar.
- k) The boy jumped ..... the fence.

- (06) Fill in the blanks in the following dialogue. Use the words given in the box. *The first one is done for you.*

to , in , through , within , for , at

- Ravi : We have the English exam. (1) .....**within**..... this last week.  
Varun : Have you done any studies (2) .....  
Ravi : I'm afraid. I haven't had much time (3) ..... prepare myself.  
Varun : Have you revised the notes.  
Ravi : No, I haven't gone (4) ..... all the notes.  
Varun : I also have been very busy as there was a birthday party (5) ..... home.  
Ravi : We have done past papers (6) ..... the class.  
Varun : I haven't done much. I hope you will do well.

- (07) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences. Use the words given in the box. *The first one is done for you.*

about , beyond , upon , after , during , against

- 1) We have special practice today (1) .....**after**..... school.  
2) Students can read books in the library (2) ..... the library period.  
3) This is a large wall (3) ..... the forest.  
4) The Director of Health explained how to protect ourselves (4) ..... Corona.  
5) The government has conveyed the message (5) ..... reopening the schools.  
6) Once (6) ..... a time there was a giant in the village.

- (08) Fill in the blanks using suitable prepositions given below.

for , about , with, by, on, at, of, in , up , from

1. She learned Russian ..... the age of 45.  
2. The book was written ..... Mark Twain.  
3. I'll show you the picture ..... the palace.  
4. We can only get to the camp ..... foot.  
5. What are you talking ..... ?  
6. She always gets up early ..... the morning.  
7. You have to pay .....the tickets on the day you make the order.  
8. My friend always borrows money.....me.  
9. The children in the primary classes, write ..... pencils.  
10. The cat climbed ..... the tree to catch the bird.

(09) Fill in the blanks in the following dialogues. Use the words in the box. There is an extra word. First one is done for you.

outside	of	during	with	since	to
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Beema : Hello how was your vacation?

Arjuna : It was very exciting.

Beema : Where did you go (1) During your vacation?

Arjuna : I went (2) .....Kandy.

Beema : Who did you go with?

Arjuna : I went (3) ..... my uncle's family.

Beema : How was the weather?

Arjuna : It was so cold (4)..... and misty too. So I had to wear Warm clothes.

Beema : What was the most interesting you have ever seen before?

Arjuna : Peradeniya gardens. I have never seen anything like this (5).....my birth.

Beema : Was it a Botanical Garden?

Arjuna : Yes, (6) ..... course.

(10) Complete the dialogue using the given words. Write the correct word in the blanks.  
*The first one is done for you.*

into , between , along , near , till , on
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Yaso : Hi, Amal. Do you know Nuwan's house?

Amal : Yes.

Yaso : How I can go there?

Amal : First you walk (1) .....**along**..... the main road (2) ..... you come to the junction.

Yaso : There are two roads in the junction.

Amal : You have to turn right (3) ..... the Flower road.

Yaso : A post office is in this street. Isn't it?

Amal : Yes, it is (4) ..... the Bank of Ceylon?

Yaso : Bank of Ceylon? Where is it?

Amal : It is (5) ..... the filling station and the grocery shop.

Yaso : Ok then.

Amal : You have to pass the bank (6) ..... your left, There is Nuwan's house.

Yaso : Thank you Amal.

Amal : You are welcome

**(11) Fill in the blanks with a suitable preposition from the given list.**

It has said that if someone looks down (1). ..... the moon, the only structure he can clearly see and identify from there would be the long stretch (2) ..... wall as the Great wall of China. This wall stretches (3) ..... mountains and (4) ..... valleys in China. It twists and turn over the land (5) ..... nearly 6400 km and is about three storey high.

across, from, for, of, over

**(12) Fill in the blanks with prepositions from the list given below.**

In 1883, John was inspired by the idea of building a bridge connecting New York with Long Island. Experts said that it was impossible. But deep (1). ..... his heart he knew that it could be done. It was his dream and he wanted. (2) ..... share it (3) ..... someone else. After much dicussion he managed (4) ..... convince his son Washington, an upcoming engineer that the bridge could be built. Both (5) ..... them discussed it and began (6) ..... built their own drean bridge (7) ..... their crew. The project started well but a tragic accident (8) ..... the site took the life (9) ..... John. Washington was injured and left (10) ..... brain damage.

in, to, of, with, at

**(13) Fill in each blank with a suitable word from the list given below.**

are for I from my in you of was he

A man suffered (1) ..... a serious heart attack and had open heart bypass surgery. He awakened from the surgery to find himself in the care (2) ..... nuns at a Catholic hospital. As he was getting well, a nun asked him questions to know how he (3) ..... going to pay (4) ..... his treatment. She asked if (5) ..... had health insurance. "No health insurance" , he replied in a raspy voice. The nun asked if he had money in the bank . He replied, "no money (6) ..... the bank". The nun asked, "Do (7). ..... have a relative who could help you?" He said, (8) " ..... only have a spinster sister, who is a nun." The nun became agitated and announced loudly, "Nuns (9) ..... not spinsters. Nuns are married to God." The patient replied, "Then send the bill to (10) ..... brother-in-law."

**(14) Fill in the blanks with a suitable word from the following.**

with	before	because	for	on
to	at	of	that	if

It is important to allocate a considerable amount (1) ..... time to studying especially when preparing (2) ..... an exam. Keeping a weekly schedule and sticking to it, is essential to obtain good results. You must attend the most significant tasks first, (3) ..... trying out easier and less urgent ones. (4) ..... the same time, (5) ..... you find it difficult to concentrate (6) ..... a given task for too long, it is better to take a small break so (7) ..... you can start afresh. A refreshed mind has scope for a lot of new and bright ideas.

Studying together (8) ..... others also helps you to think more broadly and deeply on a subject and even help to clear your doubts and problems. Group study also promotes the ability (9) ..... work well with others (10) ..... it encourages qualities like tolerance and acceptance of others' ideas. It also improves your social skills.

**(15) Fill in the blank with a suitable preposition from the list given below.**

to , nearby , in , about , with , at , around , for , by , over , against , on

If you sit and watch these kids in the school yard as I do every day, you learn a lot (1) ..... different people.

In one corner two teams of boys play basketball. A few smaller kids wait (2) ..... their turn. Some lean (3) ..... the fence or squat quietly. Others fool (4) ..... like clowns. An older kid looks longingly (5) ..... the fence.

In another corner, some girls chat (6) ..... each other. One girl imitates a teacher standing (7) ..... with her back to them. One boy all alone watches a plane zooming overhead. Suddenly he is surrounded (8) ..... three others, who shove him (9) ..... the ground. The teacher yells (10) ..... the boys and tries to pull them apart. Fortunately the bell starts to ring.