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Answer all the questions on this paper itself.

**Paper I**

**Part A – Grammar and Vocabulary.**

**(01) Fill in the blanks in the following text, using the prepositions given in the box. You can use the same preposition more than once. (10 Marks)**

(on , of , to , in , up , down , at)

Ramya is a waiter, He works 1) ..... a restaurant from eight o' clock 2) ..... the morning to four o' clock in the afternoon.

One day 3) ..... four a clock Ramya leaves work and gets 4) ..... a bus to go home. He sits 5) ..... behind the bus driver. Suddenly the bus driver leans forward. His head is almost touching the floor. Ramya jumps 6) ..... , “Are you ok?”, he asks the bus driver. The bus driver doesn't answer.

The bus is going fast now, and nobody is driving it. Ramya pulls the bus driver. He tries to pull him out 7) ..... the driver's seat. But the bus driver is a big man. Ramya can't move him. Now the bus is going really fast. Ramya has to stop the bus. He puts his hands 8) ..... the steering wheel.

He puts his left foot 9)..... the brake. He drives the bus to the left side 10) ..... the stret, slowly he stop the bus. An ambulance arrives and takes the bus driver to the hospital. All the passengers on the bus are ok.

**(02) Fill in each blank with the correct form of the verb given within brackets. (10 Marks)**

How do we know about people who lived in prehistoric times? These people, who 1) .....  
(live) a long time before writing 2) ..... (invent), lived in towns and cities as we do. But they 3)  
..... (leave) no written records of their history. One way in which we 4) ..... (find)  
out about how they lived 5) ..... (be) by digging up the past. This means digging up places  
where ancient cities 6) ..... gradually ..... (cover) by sand or dust and finding out  
what the civilizations of these cities 7) ..... (be) like. People called archaeologists have  
dug up the past scientifically and 8) ..... (give) us information about people who 9)  
..... (live) in prehistoric times. They 10) ..... sometimes .....  
(discover) old cities buried beneath modern towns or covered by farmland.

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

I went to the bank as usual last Monday to cash my pay cheque. There  
1).....(is / was / were / are) about twenty people waiting 2)..... in line  
(with / up / on / over) by the teller and I joined the queue. Suddenly three men burst through the  
door 3) .....(They / He / She / Them) were wearing “balaclavas” over their heads  
4) ..... (as / and / though / but) carrying guns. They yelled at everyone to move back  
against 5) ..... (the / a / an / those) wall. One of them stood at the door.

Another jumped 6) ..... (through / over / against / across) the counter and forced  
the tellers to put cash into a carrying bag. The third stood facing us, gun in hand. Within just a  
7) ..... (few / much / many / little) minutes they were ready to leave. Two ran out  
the door carrying the bag and jumped into 8) ..... (a / an / this / that) waiting car.  
The third turned to run out the door.

Suddenly I jumped at him and pushed him to the floor. He dropped the gun and another  
customer picked it up and threw 9) ..... (these / all / it / the) into the room. The  
car out-side sped off 10) ..... (as / until / although / if) the two of us sat on our  
captive until the police arrived to make an arrest.

**(04) Complete the following sentences by putting the words in the brackets in the correct order.**

(05 marks)

- 1). She is the lady .....  
(in / was / killed / the / whose / accident / road / husband)
- 2). This is the high school .....  
(secondary / Dr. Kalam / education / where / had / his)
- 3). Autumn is the season .....  
(leaves / fall / yellow / turn / during / the / and / which / down)
- 4). The tall man, .....  
(plat form / Principal / our / turn / standing / the / on / is)
- 5). The young man .....  
(met / the / was / airport / I / at )

***Part B – Reading and Writing.***

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

- 1). **I wish I had spoken to him kindly.**
  - (a) I spoke to him kindly.
  - (b) I did not speak to him kindly.
  - (c) I will speak to him kindly.
- 2). **You are mistaken, or else he is.**
  - (a) Either he or you are mistaken.
  - (b) Both of you are mistaken.
  - (c) You are mistaken and he is mistaken, too.
- 3). **Pinky has never been to Sripada.**
  - (a) Pinky is in Sripada now.
  - (b) Pinky has not visited Sripada at all.
  - (c) Pinky does not hope to visit Sripada.

4). **Vinuthi no longer works here.**

- (a) Vinuthi didn't work here for a long time.
- (b) Vinuthi doesn't work now.
- (c) Vinuthi didn't work here for a long time.

5). **If I had money, I would buy a car.**

- (a) I have money to buy a car.
- (b) I didn't have the money to buy a car.
- (c) I am going to buy a car.

**(06) Read the following three news items and answer the questions. (10 marks)**

**1). Back to school with a happy smile.**

The Principal Asanka Herath of Sripada College, Rathnapura organized an event to cheer up the children who restarted school this year. The aim of the novel concept was to help students to adapt and adjust to the physical mode of education after spending months on virtual education. The activities at the event not only entertained but also strengthened the bond and the communication between the students and the teachers.

**2). Cycling Sunday kicks off.**

Cycling Sunday is a novel idea presented by the Ministry of Youth and Sports Affairs, Sri Lanka Police and the Spinner Cycling Center to encourage recreational activities among people who live in cities and areas surrounding them. The pilot project started on January 31<sup>st</sup> under the patronage of the Minister of Youth and sports. Every Sunday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. a lane would be allocated for the cyclists from Kotte to Colombo

**3). Astra Zeneca COVISHIELD vaccine comes to Sri Lanka.**

The Astra Zeneca COVISHIELD vaccine which is manufactured in India was administered at 100 hospitals across all 25 districts of island, including Trincomalee and Jaffna. Front line health care workers and personnel of the Tri-Forces were among the first to receive the vaccine.

**a) Underline the most appropriate response in each of the questions.**

- i). Which of the following happened from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday.
1. Administering COVISHIELD Vaccine.
  2. Starting the pilot project of Cycling Sunday.
  3. A cheering up programme for the students.
- ii) Which of the above news items straightly addresses the physical fitness of an individual?
1. 1
  2. 2
  3. 3
- iii) A similar phrase for “online education” is
1. Vertual education
  2. Activity based education.
  3. Lecture based education
- iv) Which of the following is not mentioned in the news item number 2 ?
1. Cycling Sunday is a new concept presented by three authorities.
  2. Cyclists are not allowed to use the road on week days.
  3. The programme is to encourage recreational activities among the city and urban area dwellers.

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

- v) The purpose of the cheering up programme was to welcome students for the physical mode of education after months of vacation. ☐
- vi) VOVISHIELD vaccine is not administered at hospitals in Trincomalee and Jaffna. ☐
- vii) A lane would be allocated for the cyclists from 4am – 7am on every Sunday. ☐
- viii) The vaccine to prevent COVID is manufactured in India. ☐

**c) Write a word/phrase similar in meaning for the words below by selecting from the news items.**

ix) Injection – .....

x) grace \_ .....

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

There are many advantages of learning English .....

[illegible]