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Second Term Test	2021	Grade 12

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General English

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மூன்று மணித்தியாலம்
Three Hours

Answer all questions.

Part A – Reading Skills.

- (01) Read the passage given below in which some words are given in bold type. Then underline the word that expresses the correct meaning to each word in bold type from 1 – 10
(10 marks)

His mother saw that something worried Jack and **endeavoured** to discover the cause; but Jack knew too well what the **consequence** would be if she found out. He did his best therefore, to **overcome** the great **desire** he had for another journey up the beanstalk. However, he began to make secret preparations for his journey. He got ready a new set of clothes, better and more complete than the **former** and when summer came, on the longest day he woke as soon as it was light and without telling his mother **ascended** the Beanstalk. He arrived at the giant's **mansion** in the evening and found his wife standing as usual, at the door. Jack had disguised himself so well, that she did not **recognize** him. He spoke to her. He said that he was hungry and asked for a meal, She invited him in and **concealed** him in the copper pot.

- endeavored - wanted, attempted, hoped
- consequence - effect, manner, harm
- overcome - change, master, limit
- desire - wish, ill will, fear
- former - later, first one, after
- ascended - came down, climbed, rushed up
- Mansion - garden, inn, large residence
- disguised - left home, unstified, changed his appearance
- recognize - call back, make out, chase away
- concealed - threw, hid, put

(02) Read the following Memo and answer the questions.

(10 marks)

Memo		
Date	-	1 st June 2021
To	-	All Department Managers
CC	-	Managing Director
From	-	Personal Manager
Re	-	Need for new memo formal.

It has come to my attention that important information related to company policy has not been communicated effectively to the relevant personal. I would therefore like to propose that we develop a consistent memo format that is recognized by all staff as the official means of communicating important information like company directives.

This is a simple solution that will help effective communication with the organization reaches all staff speedily. Please inform me any suggestions and recommendations for a new common memo format that will be used for all in house communication by 12 p.m. on your 07 June 2021. After finalizing a new format the staff will be duly notified.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Ravi.

1. To whom is the memo addressed?
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2. What is the senders designation ?
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3. When has the memo been sent?
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4. What is the subject of Memo?
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5. What problem is indicated in the 1st paragraph?

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6. What solution has been proposed?

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7. What actions are required from the recipient?

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8. Give the meaning of the following words as they appear in the text.

- i. Effective - ii. Consistent -
- iii. Suggestion -

(03) Read the following poem and answer the questions.

(10 marks)

**I died for beauty, but was scarce.
by Emily Dickinson .**

I DIED for beauty, but was scarce
Adjust in the tomb,
When one who died for truth was lain in an
adjoining room.

He questioned softly why I failed ?
“for beauty” I replied.
“And I for truth, - the two are one ;
We brethren are,” he said.

And so, as kinsmen met a night,
We talked between the rooms,
Until the moss had reached our lips,
And covered up our names.

1. Write true or false in the space provided.

(a) The narrator here is lying dead in tomb. (.....)

(b) The narrator here is speaking truth to the kinsmen (.....)

2. According to the narrator, What was scarce ?
 - (a) Dying for truth
 - (b) Dying for brethren
 - (c) Dying for beauty

3. To which of the following does the word brethren refer ?
 - (a) parents
 - (b) Enemies
 - (c) Brothers

4. What does the phrase “two are one” mean?
 - (a) Truth and Beauty died at the same time.
 - (b) Truth and Beauty are related to one family.
 - (c) Truth and Beauty related to each other.

(04) Fill in the blanks based on the information given in the following passage. (10 marks)

The English were not the first Europeans to land their ships on American soil. The Vikings had discovered North America in the 11th century. Columbus landed in the Bahamas in 1492 for Spain, and the French began expeditions to the New world in 1524. But the first English presence in North America is important because the thirteen English colonies that would later be established eventually became the country now know as the United States of America. In April of 1585 Sir Walter Raleigh, under the authority of Queen Elizabeth of England, sent an expedition of seven ships carrying 600 men, half of them soldiers, to found an English colony in North America.

The colony was to be used to establish an English presence in the New world as well as a base from which English privateers, or pirates could attack and plunder Spanish treasure fleets.

Raleigh’s cousin, Sir Richard Grenville, led the expedition.

The Viking, Spaniards and French i)..... on America ii)
 the English. The iii)founded
 by the British later became the United States. An iv) was
 sent to found an English colony in North America to v)
 English presence and to be used to attack Spanish ships.

Part B – Dialogues

(05) How do you respond in each of the following situations. (10 marks)

1. A friend of yours asks you some favour, but you are unable to help him/her.

I wish

2. You would like to see a film this weekend. You suggest this idea to a friend of yours.

Shall?

3. Your best friend has won the chess tournament. How would you wish him/her?

I

4. You want to talk to a stranger on the road to get to know the way to the library. How would you ask it.

Excuse me

5. While your teacher is conducting a class on Saturdays, You refuse to attend it politely.

I'm sorry

(06) You find the following information about a Hollywood film, you would like to see it but not alone.

You talk to a friend of yours, Abhi, on the phone and invite him to see the film. Complete the missing parts of the dialogue. (10 marks)

Mark Twain's newest Hollywood Film Avengers II	
From -	25th Sunday, June
In -	Majestic Cinema, Ratnapura.
At -	10.30, 2.30, 6.30

Abhi - Hello what can I do for you?

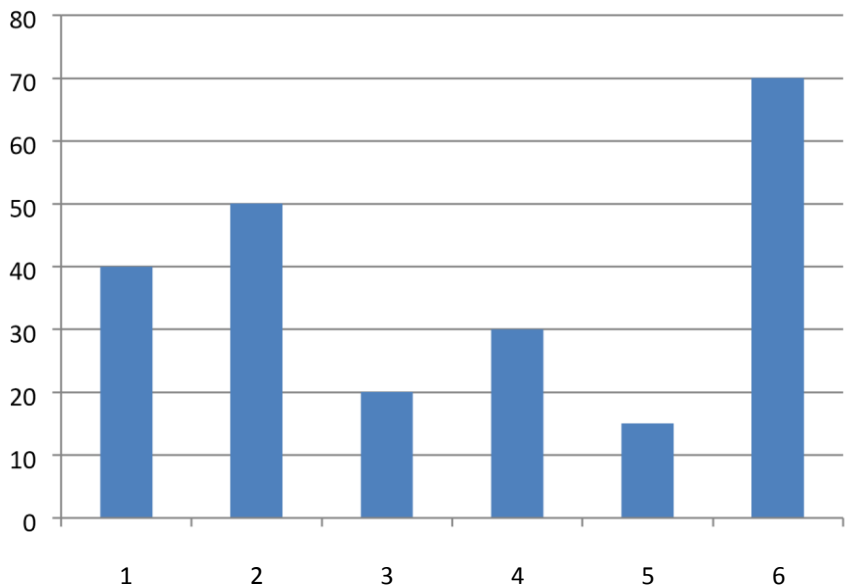
You - Abhi, There is a good Hollywood film at Majestic Cinema. Shall

(08) Select five words at least one word from each category: 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. (10 marks)

Nouns	employer, writer
Verbs	improve, hate
Adjectives	harmful, youngest,
Adverbs	briefly, quickly

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(09) This bar graph shows the result of survey conducted among 100 teenagers in Sabaragamuwa province about leisure time activities they like to do. Study the chart and write a description by reporting the main features and making comparisons where necessary. Use about 75 words (10 marks)



1. Playing video games.
2. watching movies
3. swimming
4. Listening to music
5. Gardening
6. Chatting with friends.

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(10) Imagine you started a temporary job for three months on contract basis after your A/L examination. You got to know that there is a similar vacancy in your work place. Write a letter to your best friend inviting him/her to join. In your letter, give details of the type of work he/she is expected to do, working hours, salary and other benefits. Use about 75-100 words. Do not exceed this word limit. (15 marks)

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(11) Write a letter to the Post Master General complaining about the poor services and the irregular delivery of letters of the post office in your area and request him/her to take immediate action. Use about 75-100 words. Do not exceed the word limit. (15 marks)

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