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Answer all questions on this paper itself.

- PART A - GRAMMAR and VOCABULARY (35 marks)

READING SKILLS (50 marks)

Question 01

Read the following text in which some words are given in bold type. Then underline the meaning that is most appropriate to the context for the words given in bold type from 1-10.

(10 marks)

When we select our Advanced Level subjects, we make our decision based on several factors. One is our (1) **preference** for certain subjects. There are subjects we like more than others. Another is the (2) **inherent** skills and abilities we have identified in ourselves for (3) **certain** subjects. These are the subjects we have done well in, and/or your teachers have identified your potential to study them. Thirdly, and perhaps most importantly, is the (4) **reputation** and the prestige of certain subjects over others. We know that there are subjects that are considered more difficult, and only suitable for the best students. They tend to be much (5) **sought after** also because the professions associated with these subjects are much admired and respected. As a result, some other subjects are sometimes regarded as (6) **inferior**.

However, it is important to (7) **set aside** such biases when we select our streams, and our subjects, because things like reputation and prestige are not always based on the reality. All subjects have their own (8) **intrinsic** value. No subject is superior or inferior. All subjects offer us opportunities to develop our knowledge and skills. They can also form the foundation for various types of (9) **employment**. So it is better not to force yourself to do subjects that you are neither interested in, nor have an (10) **aptitude** for, because of prestige alone.

1) preference	enthusiasm	agree	liking
2) inherent	traditional	new	inborn
3) certain	another	specific	certified
4) reputation	glory	reluctant	popular
5) sought after	difficult	favorable	easier
6) inferior	higher grade	qualified	lower grade
7) set aside	neglect	ill-treat	separate
8) intrinsic	inquisitive	essential	attractive
9) employment	perfect	condition	profession
10) aptitude	admire	ability	attitude

Question 02

Read the following text and do the activities.

(10 marks)

Globalization and the universal nature of the internet and social media have led to a significant loss of control over an individual's personal data. They pose a difficulty in understanding the consequences and after-effects of disclosing one's personal information online. They say that the internet never forgets, however bold new laws are, to keep what is private, private.

This week, the European Court of Justice put privacy ahead of the freedom of information in a landmark ruling, **which** allows people to ask for their personal information to be taken off from the index of public search engines in line with EU Data Protection Directive that regulates the processing of personal data within the European Union.

The ruling of ECJ essentially decided that internet privacy, and the right to be able to personally manage your online presence, is a basic human right to be protected; a right now recognized as the right to be forgotten.

This inability to maintain control over one's personal information was a problem even before the advent of the digital revolution, when improper circulation and misuse of information occurred through wiretapping, identity theft and the misuse of customer data by companies. However, the emergence of social media platforms with easy access to a person's information has made the control and protection of data a crucial concept.

People must have the right to determine what information of theirs should be on the internet, and this includes principles of necessity, proportionality, data minimization, transparency and the right to ask for a limited period of data retention, rectification or deletion.

Advocates of free speech have said this ruling may pave the way for the rich and powerful to conceal incriminating information about their past as well as for criminals to delete references of their past crimes.

Similarly, it has been argued that this suppression of legitimate public information could be seen by many as an act of censorship that could lead to the erosion of democracy and the limiting of society existing right to the freedom of expression and the freedom to record history. It also raises the important question of whether or not that the people should be allowed to rewrite or erase history.

This issue of censorship is a pertinent question. In certain Asian countries, the internet is being placed under strict censorship and government control. This intolerance is mirrored across South Asia as the governments look at sites like Face Book as a way of media to go against them and censorship is used as an attempt to stem brewing dissent.

Similarly, other countries as China and Vietnam sensor search results from Google and deny their citizens' access to social media such as Face Book, Twitter and You Tube. For Sri Lanka, such drastic curtailing of the freedom of information is not an option as such a move will only affect a citizen's freedom to access information. Besides, it will also have an adverse effect on the country's economic potential, dampening e-commerce and discouraging investment, because international companies take into account a country's policy on internet censorship before investing.

Computer literacy in Sri Lanka is increasing, especially with the government taking measures to increase it from 35 percent within the next two years.

Similarly, there is a significant growth in INTERNET connectivity and social media usage in the country, which is 60 percent of the total internet users and 5.64 percent compared to the country's population. The largest age group using face book is the 18-24 year olds, with the majority of them being male.

While social media sites are revolutionizing the way people **interact** in communities, it should be noted that around 20 percent of the Facebook accounts in Sri Lanka are reported as false. This gives us an indication of the potential that the social media has, for the misuse of information to be used for malicious or fraudulent purposes.

There is an argument made by some that Internet presence in social media websites is vital to adequately take part in the 21st century. Whatever the arguments are, it is unquestionable that privacy is a universal right and measures to protect it are long overdue.

- I. Do the following statements agree with the information given in the above text? In boxes (I) – (VI) write **True or False**

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

I.	Personal details of the individuals will not be affected due to globalization and universal nature of the internet.	
II.	Even before the digital revolution, the inability to maintain control over one's personal information was a prevalent factor.	
III.	Because of the landmark ruling given by the European Court of justice, people are not allowed to take off their personal information from the information from the index of public search engines.	
IV.	Because of the ruling, the rich and powerful may have a chance of concealing incriminating evidence in the past.	
V.	Freedom of expression and the right of recording history in the way it happened are safeguarded by censorship.	
VI.	In Sri Lanka, 60% of the total internet users are Facebook users.	

- II. Underline the most appropriate response to complete the following sentences.

- a) The word 'interact' in paragraph 12 most nearly means.

- i. work with pleasure
- ii. communicate ideas
- iii. listen carefully
- iv. improve knowledge

- b) The word 'which' in paragraph 2 refers to:

- i. EU data
- ii. search engines
- iii. ECJ
- iv. Data

Question 03

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

- I. Write true or false in the space provided.
- a.) The narrator here is lying dead in a tomb. (.....)
- b.) The narrator here is speaking truth to the Kinsmen. (.....)
- II. According to the narrator, what was scarce? Underline the correct answer.
- i) Dying for truth ii) Dying for Kinsmen iii) Dying
for beauty iv) Dying for brethren
- III. To which of the following does the word brethren refer?
- i) Parents ii) Brothers iii) Friends iv) Enemies
- IV. What does the phrase "two are one" mean?
- i) Truth and Beauty related to each other.

- ii) Truth and Beauty are the two sides of the same coin.
- iii) Truth and Beauty died at the same time.
- iv) Truth and Beauty are related to one family.

Question 04

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

Long ago goods were manufactured by craftsmen or skilled workmen. Each craftsman was proud of each article he made. He spent much time and took much trouble in making it, and people paid a high price for the finished product. All the luxurious Persian carpets, the beautiful Chinese pottery and the intricately woven Dumbara mats were made in this way. But these articles were bought only by the rich. The poorer classes had to be satisfied with goods which were crudely and cheaply made.

But when the population of Europe increased, there was a greater demand for cheaper goods of better quality. These had to be produced or manufactured in factories and workshops where hundreds of workers could be employed. The invention of the steam engine helped manufacturers by giving them cheaper power to operate their machines. Machines took 1 place of men. For instance, where cloth had been woven before on one loom by a single worker, one big machine began to work hundreds of looms.

In the past, craftsmen or skilled workmen manufactured goods. They were 1) of their articles that they made with high quality. Many 2) items were sold at a high price. Only rich people could afford these items, whereas other people spent less amount of money on 3) products made and cheaply. With the rapid growth of 4) in Europe the demand for better quality cheap products was increased. These products were 5) in factories with many workers. Gradually machines were replaced for workers with new inventions.

Question 05

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

(20 marks)

BURJ DUBAI

1. The world's tallest skyscraper, located in the United Arab Emirates, 828 metres tall. Construction started in 2004 and, even though the interior is unfinished the building officially opened in January 2009. According to the constructors, a South Korean firm, the skyscraper cost about \$1.5 billion.

2. Shortly after the opening ceremonies the tower was renamed BurjKhalifa, after the president of the United Arab Emirates, who gave Dubai about \$10 billion to pay its debts, Up to the completion of Burj Dubai it becomes the world's tallest building.
3. The new tower is Y- shaped and has 160 floors. Built with concrete and embedded steel plates and the base gets smaller as the building gets taller. The top of the tower can sway 1.5 metres. Temperatures are about 7°C lower than at the base.
4. The new skyscraper will have over a thousand luxury apartments and 50 floors of offices. About 30,000 people will be working and living in the skyscraper once the interior is finished. The world's highest observation desk is located in the 124 th floor. 54 elevators will get you to the top at speeds of up to 60 km an hour in about two minutes.
5. BurjKhalifa is surrounded by 27 acre park designed by landscape architects. Like the tower, the park's design was based on the flower of a desert plant.
6. Construction experts say that building the tower has been the greatest engineering achievement ever accomplished. However, there are also negative sides. The skyscraper was built by thousands of workers from Southern Asia who earned very little. Some reports say that they had to work up to 14 hours a day, stayed in miserable houses and weren't allowed to leave the site. Many were injured and a few even died.
7. For Dubai the skyscraper is a symbol of strength and prosperity, even though the emirate is living beyond its means and spending too much money.
8. Although most of the luxurious space has already been sold Dubai will have problems selling all the apartments in the tower because there are many empty luxury flats and houses in the city already. Even rich people are careful when it comes to buying real estate during an economic recession.

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

In boxes, write **True**, **False** or **Not Given**.

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

	Statements	
a	Burj Dubai is a monument visited by the most number of people in the world each year.	
b	The skyscraper was built by thousands of workers from South Asia who earned well.	
c	This building symbolizes peace, prosperity and Joy.	
d	All the luxurious spaces in this building have already been sold out.	
e	Dubai and United Arab Emirates are two different countries.	
f	Its present name is BurjKhalif	

II. Underline the most appropriate option to complete the missing sentence in paragraph 1?

- a) Burj Dubai is the tallest building that has ever been built.
- b) Now, there is a very tall building in the world.
- c) There is a Y shaped building in Dubai.
- d) Burj Dubai is the only building which can sway.

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 blank against the information.

- i) People wonder whether it would be named as a another marvel in the world
- ii) Availability of a mini airport on the top.....
- iii) Presence of a luxurious hotel.....
- iv) Plants are watered by the water collected in the cooling system
- v) At the center of the park is the water room, which has many fountains.....

IV. Who or what do the following pronouns in bold print refer to?

- i) It (paragraph 2) -
- ii) they (paragraph 6) -
- iii) ts (paragraph -

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

- i) A very tall building in a city -
- ii) Fixed something firmly into a substance or solid object-
- iii) The inside part of something -
- iv) A sum of money that somebody owes -
- v) Something that somebody has done successfully -

PART B

DIALOGUES (25 MARKS)

Question 06

How do you respond in each of the following situations? Write only one sentence or question for each beginning with the words/s given. (05 marks)

- I. Your best friend who is suffering from headache for two days has not taken any medical help. Give him/ her suitable advice.
"You'd better"
- II. You are hurrying to get ready to go to a party. Your best friend calls and asks **you** to visit him now. Tell him you'll visit him tomorrow.
"I"
- III. You call the nearest railway station and ask what time a train to Kaluthara is available tomorrow morning.
"May"
- IV. You promised the class teacher to bring lotus flowers to decorate the class the following day. You couldn't find any. Call him and ask whether you can bring some anthuriums.
"Can"
One of your friends is overweight, give him a piece of advice to overcome the problem.
- V. "You....."

Question 07

Complete the following telephone conversation between a plant seller and a caller. Do not use more than two sentences/ questions in each blank. (05 marks)

Plant seller : Hello!

Caller : Hello! I'm interested in buying some fruit plants.

Plant seller : Yes. How can I help you?

Caller : (i)

Plant seller : We have mango, rose apple, guava and rambutan plants.

Caller : (ii)

Plant seller : A mangi plant begins from Rs 200/=. There are many varieties.

Caller : (iii)

Plant seller : Sorry. We don't have strawberry plants for the time being. If you are interested I can contact one of my friends who sells them.

Caller : (iv)

Plant seller : It will take one week.

Caller : That's OK (v)

Plant seller : It'll cost about Rs.1000/=

Caller : OK . I need five plants.

Plant seller : Well, can you please call me back after a week?

Caller : Sure. Good bye!

Question 08

You are planning to go on a trip to Anuradhapura for three days during the vacation. You speak to the Manager of "Nilma Tour Organizers" to organize your tour. Tell him about the interesting places you hope to visit and food and lodging. Write out the telephone conversation between the Manager and you. Each one should speak at least five times. (15 marks)

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PART C

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. You may use the plural form of the nouns. But do not change the form of the other words. (05 marks)

Nouns	Relationships, catalogue
Verbs	Apologize, ruined, reduce
Adjectives	Familiar, expensive, financial
Adverbs	Immediately, early

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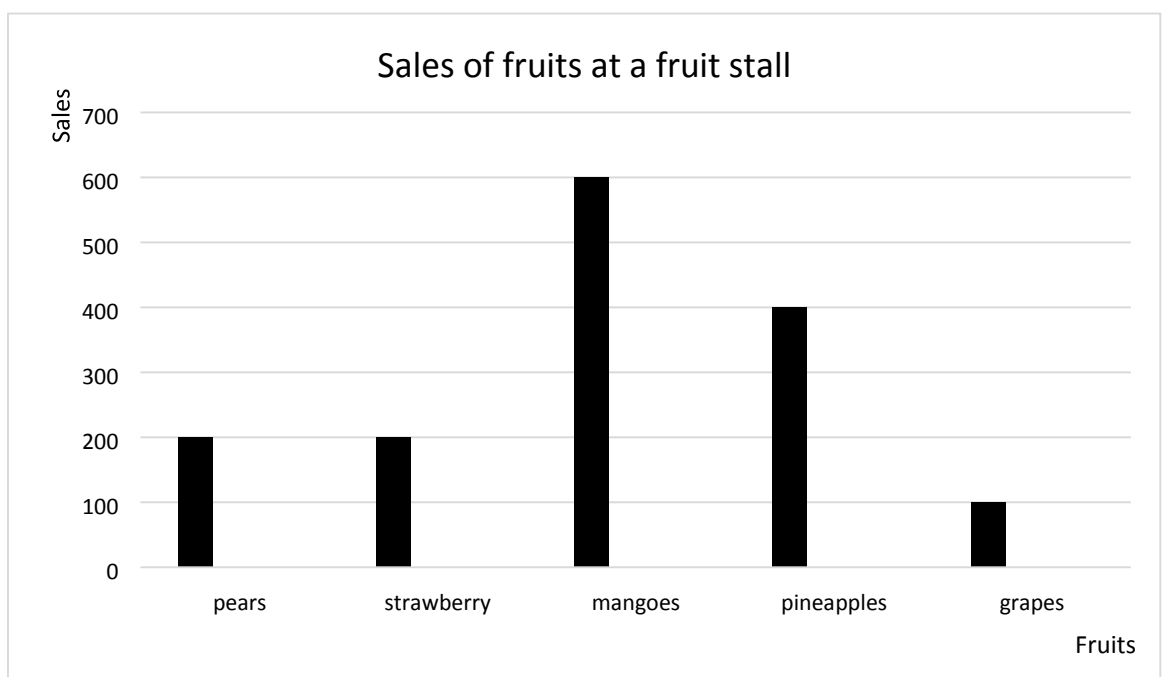
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Question 10

The following bar chart illustrates the sales of fruits at a fruit stall last week. 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 a member of a drama club in the school. The students of the Drama Club are going to stage a drama to raise funds for the club. Write a notice to inform about it. Use about 50 -75 words. Do not exceed the word limit. (15 marks)

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Question 12

The British Council is going to award 50 scholarships to Sri Lankans who are interested in improving their knowledge of English. Write a letter to the coordinator describing why you need to improve English. Ask to send you an application and other details such as the commencement of the course, time duration etc. Use about 75-100 words. Do not exceed the word limit.

(15 marks)

[illegible]

Question 13

“Friends may come, friends may go but the life becomes more interesting with friends”. Write an essay on the importance of friends for a successful life. Use about 150- 200 words. Do not exceed the word limit. (20 marks)