



Answer all questions on this paper itself.

Part A – Grammar and Vocabulary.

01. Fill in the blanks in the following text using prepositions given in the box. Use each preposition only once.

of, from, with, to, for

A woman was always quarrelling (1) her husband about new clothes and jewellery. One day she said "Bring two new sarees and a diamond ring (2) me or I shall go back (3) My parents house". "Fine" said the husband, and when you come back bring me a suit length and a wrist watch (4) your parents as a gift (5) New year.

(1 x 5 = 5 Marks)

02. Fill in the each blank with the correct form of the verb given in bracket.

Two teenage boys have set fire to an apartment building, The boys have given themselves up and (1) (await) hearing. A reporter (2) just (interview) the boys' neighbour. This is how the conversation went.

Reporter :- Were you shocked by the news this morning?

Neighbour :- Yes! I can't believe that those boys (3) (do) such a thing.

Reporter :- Why not?

Neighbour :- They are good boys. They (4) (have) lots of friends in the neighbourhood.

Reporter :- Why (5) they (do) it then?

Neighbour :- I think they lost their heads.

Reporter :- (6) the boys (come) from happy homes?

Neighbour :- The boys' mothers (7) (be) widows. They try (8) (play) both mother and father to their sons, but that's not easy.

Reporter :- (9) You (attend) the hearing tomorrow?

Neighbour :- Yes but I certainly (not testify) against them.

(1 x 10 = 10 Marks)

03. Underline the correct word from those given within brackets to fill in the blanks in the following text.

Mrs. Rasik and Mrs. Perera went marketing one Saturday morning. Mrs. Rasik had (1)..... (Many,few, a lot of) Money in her purse but Mrs. Perera didn't have (2)(much,more,many) money. First (3) (Two,Both,All) of them bought some vegetables there. Then they went to the fruit stall. There were (4) (most,many,more) people there, but (5) (most,more,many) of them were bargaining with the vendor. It looked as though they had (6) (any,no,more) of fruits in that stall. Next they went to the meat stall and Mrs.Rasik bought a kilo of mutton there. But Mrs.Perera didn't buy (8) (some,any,few) because. She had money only (9) (a few,a little,some) left. On their back way home they met an old beggar and Mrs. Perera gave (a little,little, the little) money she had to him.

(1 x 10 = 10 Marks)

04. Underline the most appropriate word from those given in brackets.

- i. In singapore, chewing gum was officially in 1992.
(excluded / rejected / banned / restricted)
- ii. Sri Lankan universities provide hostel facilities for the most students.
(deserving / applicable / urgent / compatible)
- iii. Dr. Ray Wijewardene tried to soil fertility and to manage weeds.
(improve / control / grow / accelerate)
- iv. If we can understand and accept people who are different from us, we can a better society.
(dictate / achieve / create / accomplish)
- v. This disease is thought to have in the tropics.
(originated / started / commenced / begun)

(1 x 5 = 5 Marks)

05. Underline the correct word ending, selecting from those within brackets.

- i. He told me confi..... (dential,dent,dentially) that he was going to apply for the post of director.
- ii. In desper..... (ate,ately,ation) with the way his friend behaved at party.
- iii. Watch.....(ed,ing,es) too much television is bad for your eyes.
- iv. It is not fash..... (ion,ionable,ionably) to wear short skirts now.
- v. He taught his children to be respect.....(able,ful,fully) of other cultures.

(1 x 5 = 5 Marks)

Part B (Reading and Writing)

06. Underline the option the best expresses the meaning of the sentences.

- 1) Had I known that Mr. Raghu was the chairman, I would have talked to him.
 - a) Mr. Raghu was not the chairman so I did not talk to him.
 - b) I did not know that Mr.Raghu was the chairman but I talked to him.
 - c) I did not know that Mr.Raghu was the chairman so I did not talk to him.
 - d) I know that Mr.Raghu was the chairman but I did not talk to him.
- 2) It is Nirmal who first told me that the match had been cancelled.
 - a) I know that the match had been cancelled before Nirmal told me.
 - b) I didn't know that the match had been cancelled until Nirmal told me.
 - c) I told Nirmal that the match had been cancelled when he asked me.
 - d) Nirmal knew that the match had been cancelled but he did not tell me.
- 3) No sooner had I reached the railway station than the train came.
 - a) The train had come before I reached the railway statuion.
 - b) The train didn't come soon although I went to the station.
 - c) I reached the station just before the train arrived.
 - d) I had not reached the station but the train came.
- 4) There are hardly any biscuits left in the tin.
 - a) There are hard biscuits left in the tin.
 - b) There are only a few biscuits left in the tin.
 - c) Some biscuits are in the left tin.
 - d) There are no biscuits left in the tin.
- 5) Palm tree hotel is not cheap place for locals to stay.
Locals very often stay.
 - a) Locals very often stay at Palm Tree Hotel as it is cheap.
 - b) Palm Tree Hotel is so expensive that locals can't afford to stay there.
 - c) Although Palm Tree Hotel is expensive, locals prefer to stay there.
 - d) If locals want to stay in a cheap place the best place is Palm Tree Hotel.

(2 x 5 = 10 Marks)

07. Read the following grid and answer the questions.

Ruhunu Plantations PLC
Sale of used Motor Vehicles.
Offers are invited for the sale of following company owned and maintained vehicles.

The above vehicles could be inspected at the given addresses from 2nd September to 12th September, 2018 during weekdays from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm excluding Mondays. Sales offers must be deposited in the Tender Boxes available at the inspection locations before 4.00 pm on 13th September, 2018.

Tender forms could be obtained from the address given below and locations in inspection at Rs.100.00(non-refundable) per form. A separate tender form should be submitted for each vehicle. A refundable deposit of Rs. 2500.00 each for a Motor Cycle and Rs.5000.00 each for a Double Cab should be make each offer. Further details can also be obtained from the company website.

General Manager, Ruhunu Plantations PLC
344, Main Sreet -Matara. (Web: www.ruhuneplc.lk)

Write True or False beside each sentence in the space provided.

- 1) The present owner of the vehicle, Yamaha 125(GA 45xx)is Ruhunu plantation PLC. ()
- 2) An interested person can inspect the vehicles on Monday 10th September, 2018 at 10.00 am. ()
- 3) Prospective bidder can submit tenders online using the company website. ()
- 4) A person who wants to buy Toyota Hilux – 59 42xx can obtain the tender from only at Ruhunu Estate PLC,Deniyaya. ()
- 5) A total refundable amount of Rs. 15000 should be deposited by a person who intends to purchase all the four vehicles mentioned here. () (5 x 1 = 5 Marks)

08. Write a paragaph beginning with the given sentence. Use about 75 - 100 words. Do not exceed the word limit. Do not write more than one paragraph. (10 marks)

Computers play a huge role in the modern world.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

General English II

Grade 12

Two Hours.

Part A – Reading Skills

1. Read the passage given below in which same words are given in bold type. Then underline the words given in bold type 1 to 10. (10 Marks)

His mother saw that something worried Jack and **endeavoured** to discover. He cause, ; but Jack knew too well 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 clothers, 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** himeself 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.

- 1) endeavoured :- wanted, attempted, hoped.
- 2) Consequence :- effect,manner,harm
- 3) Over come :- change,master,limit
- 4) Desire :- wish,ill will,fear
- 5) Former :- later, first one, after.
- 6) Ascended :- came down,climbed,rushed up.
- 7) Mansion :- garden, inn, large residence.
- 8) Disguised :- left home, unsatisfisfield,changed his appearance.
- 9) Recognize :- make out, chase away,call back.
- 10) Concealed :- threw, hid,put.

(20 Marks)

2. Read the following text and do the activities that follow. (20 Marks)

An upsurge of new research suggest that animals have a much higher level of brainpower than previously thought. If animals do have intelligence how do scientist measure it? Before defining animals' intelligence, scientists defined what is not intelligence.

Instinct is not intelligence. It is a skill programmed into an animal's brain by its genetic heritage. Rote conditioning is also not intelligence. Tricks can be learned by repetition but no real thinking is

involved. Cueing, in which animals learn to do or not to do certain things by following outside signals, does not demonstrate intelligence. Scientists believe that insight, the ability to use tools, and communication using human language are all effective measures of the mental ability of animals.

When judging animal intelligence, scientists look for insight, which they define as a flash of sudden understanding. When a young gorilla could not reach fruit from a tree, she notices creates scattered about the lawn near the tree. She piled the creates into a pyramid, then climbed on them to reach her reward. The gorilla’s insight allowed her to solve a new problem without trial and error.

The ability to use tools is also an important sign of intelligence. Crows use sticks to pry peanuts out of cracks. The crow exhibits intelligence by showing it has learned what a stick can do. Likewise, otters use rocks to crack open crab shells in order to get at the meat. In a series of complex moves, chimpanzees have been known to use sticks in order to get at a favourite snack termites. To make and use a termite tool, a chimp first selects just the right stalk or twig, He trims and shapes the stick,then finds the entrance to a termite mound.While inserting the stick carefully into the entrance, the chimpanzee turns it skilfully to fit the inner tunnels. The chimp attracts the insects by shaking the twig.Then it pulls the tool out without scraping off any termites. Finally, he uses his lips to skim the termites into his mouth.

Many animals haver learned to communicate using human language. Some primates have learned hundreds of words in sign language. One chimp can recognize and correctly use more than 250 abstract symbols on a keyboard. These symbols represents human words. An amazing parrot can distinguish five objects of two different types. He can understand the difference between the number,colour,and kind of object. The ability to classify is a basic thinking skill. He seems to use to use language to express his needs and emotions.

The research on animal intelligence raises important questions. If animals are smarter than once thought, would that change the way humans interact with them? Would humans stop hunting them for sport or survuival? Would animals still be used for food, clothing, or medical experimentation?Finding answers to these tough questions makes a difficult puzzle even for a large- brained, problem- solving species like our own.

(1) Write short answers to the following questions.

(a) How is instinct programmed into an animal’s brain?

.....
.....

(b) Write the three factors that scientist use to measure animal intelligence.

.....
.....

(c) Why do otters use rocks as a tool?

.....
.....

(3 Marks)

(2) Underline the most appropriate response in each of the following.

(a) The word **upsurge** in bold print, as it is used in the first paragraph of the passage most nearly means.

i) An increasing large amount

ii) A decreasing amount

iii) A well – known amount

iv) An immeasurable amount (2 marks)

(b) Crows use sticks to pry peanuts out of cracks. Which of the following is demonstrated in this situation? (2 Marks)

i) Rote learning

ii) Use of tools

iii) Ability to communicate

iv) Instinct

(3) State whether the given statements are **True** or **False** in the space provided.

(a) Chimpanzees enjoy eating termites.

.....

(b) Both instinct and insight are indicators of animal intelligence.

.....

(2 Marks)

(4) Who or what do the pronouns in bold print in the text refer to? (3 Marks)

(a) It (paragraph 1)

.....

.....

(b) they (paragraph 3)

.....

.....

(c) them (paragraph 6)

.....

.....

(5) Write one word for each blank selecting from the passage, which means the same as the given words / phrases. (5 Marks)

(a) Doing things over and over again

(a)

.....

(b) Thrown in different directions

(b)

.....

(c) Mass of piled up earth

(c)

.....

(d) Recognise the difference

(d)

.....

(e) State of being alive despite anger

(e)

.....

(6) Fill in the blanks in the following passage, based on the information in the above text.

Do not use more than two words in each blank.

The latest studies have shown that (1) of animals is higher than what scientists previously thought. According to these studies, instinct, rote learning, tricks and (2) do not demonstrate animals intelligence. However (3) which a flash of sudden understanding is believed to be an example of the mental ability of animals. The use of (4) to get things done by animals is also a gauge of their mental ability. Expressing ideas using language specific to (5) is another example of the measurement of their intelligence.

(5 Marks)

3. Fill in the each blank with a suitable word from the given list below.

Opportunity,disappointed,husband,life time,turn and, than,travel,magic,tickets

A fairy told a married couple : “for being such an exemplary married couple for 25 years, I will give you each a wish “ I want to (1) around the world with my dearest (2) said the wife.

The fairy moved her (3) stick and two (4) was the husband’s (5) He thought for a moment (6)said. “Well, this moment is very romantic but an (7) like this only occurs once in a (8) so I’m sorry my love, but my wish is to have a wife 30 years younger (9) me”.

The wife was deeply (10) but, a wish was a wish. The fairy made a circle with her magic stick. Suddenly the husband was 90 years old!

(10

Marks)

Part B – Dialogues

4. Kusum has bought a new dress from “ K – Tex fashions”, a shop located just opposite the Kegalle supermarket. Her friend Shanthi talks about the new dress.

Complete the dialogue. Do not use more than two sentences / questions in each blank.

Shanthi : What a nice frock! Is it new?

Kusum :

.....
.....

Shanthi : It really suits you. Where did you get it from?

Kusum :

.....
.....

Shanthi : where is it exactly?

Kusum :

.....
.....

Shanthi : How much was it?

Kusum :

.....
.....

Shanthi : I also should buy one. I’ll go on this Saturday. We can go together if you like.

.....

.....

(10 Marks)

- [illegible]

6. Select any five words from the list 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.

Nouns	Education, employment
verbs	Improve, meditate
Adjectives	Confident, creative, energetic
adverbs	Patiently, obviously, occasionally

- 1)
.....
- 2)
.....

8. Advanced level students should not get involved in romantic relationships. Do you agree? Write an essay, giving your views on this issue. Use about 200 words.

12