

Zone of Education - Minuwangoda

Third Term Evaluation 2018

General English - I

Grade 12

Time: 3 Hours

Answer all questions in the paper itself.

PART A - GRAMMAR

01.

1. Fill in each blank with a suitable preposition from the list given below.

[of/ for/ from/ into/ over/ along/ by/ in/ at/ on]

Last Saturday my mother had a big surprise 1)..... my sister and I. We were visiting the amusement park. Excitedly, we packed our lunch and hopped 2)..... the car. Mother drove 3)..... the freeway and across town towards our destination. Finally we arrived 4)..... the Thrills and Chills Amusement Park. We almost started running 5)..... different directions. Mom told us it was important to stay together. We took turns deciding 6)..... rides. Fortunately, my favorite ride was right 7)..... my sister's favorite roller coaster. We rode roller coasters, bumper cars and racing boats together. At the end 8)..... the day, we were exhausted 9)..... all the fun we had. We pretended we were flying 10)..... roller coaster tracks on the way home. I had a wonderful time with my family.

(10 marks)

2. Fill in the blanks in the following text with a suitable pronoun.

A woman was always quarreling with 1)..... (she) husband about new clothes and jewellery. One day 2)..... (she) said, "Bring two new sarees and a diamond ring for 3)..... (I). I shall go back to 4)..... (I) parents' house. "Fine", said th husband "And when you comback bring 5)..... (I) a suit length and a wrist watch."

(5 marks)

3. Fill in each blank with the correct form of the verb given in brackets. First one is done for you.

We are having a great time here. It's beautiful and the sun 1).....**is**..... (be) shining. Yesterday I went water - skiing ! What 2)..... (do) you think of that I'm 3)..... (sit) at a table in our hotel room and writing a few post cards. The room is fine but we 4)..... (not like) the food very much. But it 5)..... (not matter) because we 6) (go) out to a restaurant every evening.

We 7).....(be) both very lazy at the moment. I 8)..... (get up) quite late in the morning and Tom 9).....(get up) even later. You know of course how much Tom's work 10)..... (matter) to him and how he is talking about it. Well, the holiday is so good that he 11)..... (forget) all about work. So it's the perfect holiday. The only problem is that it cost us a lot of money.

(10 marks)

4. Construct questions to get the words underlined as answers.

1. I have come **from the University of Jaffna.**

.....?

2. I am using the computer **for one hour.**

.....?

3. The war started **in 1990.**

.....?

4. The conference is being held **at the BMICH.**

.....?

5. **Kristina** won the 1st place at the recitation competition.

.....?

(5 marks)

5. Complete the following sentences by putting the words in brackets in the correct order.

1. I wish
(operate/ how to/ I knew/ computer/ a)
2. If you
(read/ you will/ article/ the/ it/ enjoy)
3. Manjula
(Whose/ the university/ mother/ working/ entered/ a Middle East country/ in/ is)
4. Although
(now/ is/ it/ fine/ evening/ in the/ rain/ may)
5. Either you
(now/ do/ or/ at all/ don't do/ the work/ it)

(5 marks)

6. Combine the following pairs of sentences using a suitable conjunction from those given in brackets.

1. He was late. The manager scolded him. (since/ if/ provided)
.....
2. He decided to go. I begged him not to. (because/ if/ although)
.....
3. You can't get a better job. You have got work experience. (while/ unless/ if)
.....
4. You can't get the driving licence. You are eighteen. (Until/ as well as/ besides)
.....
5. The hotel is not spacious. The hotel is not comfortable.
(either.....or/ neither.....nor/ whether)
.....

(5 marks)

PART B -COMPREHENSION

02. Of the options given below each sentence in bold print, Underline the one that best expresses its meaning.

1. Not a single English book was left unsold.
 - a. Not a single person bought any English book.
 - b. The English books were all sold out.
 - c. Only a single English book was not sold.
2. Our grandmother lived to be ninety - seven.
 - a. Our grandmother died many years after she was ninety - seven
 - b. Our grandmother died when she reached the ninety seventh year.
 - c. Our grandmother died before she was ninety - seven.
3. Neither of them has been successful in the examination.
 - a. Both of them have passed.
 - b. Only one of them has passed
 - c. Both of them have failed
4. Had it not been for Malani, I would have lost my identity card.
 - a. The speaker has lost her identity card.
 - b. The speaker has not lost her identity card.
 - c. Malini has lost the speaker's identity card.
5. Unlike his father, Nalaka is not punctual
 - a. Nalaka's father alone is punctual
 - b. Nalaka and his father are both punctual.
 - c. Nalaka alone is punctual.

(5 marks)

03. Read the following text and do the activities that follow it.

Rabies is an ordinarily infectious disease of the central nervous system, caused by a virus and, as a rule, spread chiefly by domestic dogs. Man and all warm - blooded animals are susceptible to rabies. The people of ancient Egypt, Greece and Rome thought rabies to be the work of evil spirits because ordinarily gentle and friendly animals suddenly became violent without evident cause and, after a period of wild behavior, became paralyzed and died.

Experiments carried out in Europe in the early nineteenth century proved that the disease was infectious. Preventive steps, such as the destruction of stray dogs, were taken and by

1826 the disease was permanently eliminated in Norway, Sweden and Denmark, although urban centres on the continent of Europe were cleared several times during the nineteenth century, they soon became reinfected since rabies was uncontrolled among wild animals.

During the early stages of the disease, a rabid animal is most dangerous because it appears normal and friendly, but it will bite at the slightest provocation. The virus is present in the salivary glands and passes into the saliva so that the bite of the infected animal introduces the virus into a fresh wound. If no action is taken, the virus may become established in the central nervous and finally attack the brain. The incubation period varies from ten days to eight months or more, and the disease developed more quickly the nearer to the brain the wound is. Most infected dogs become restless, nervous and irritable and vicious, then depressed and paralyzed. With the type of rabies, the dog's death is inevitable and usually occurs within three to five days after the onset of the symptoms.

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

- a. Rabies is an infectious disease caused only by domestic dogs. (.....)
- b. Rabies was totally eradicated from Europe. (.....)

2. Answer the following questions.

- a. Why did the ancient Greeks believe that rabies was caused by evil spirits?

.....

- b. What method was used by Norwegians to put an end to rabies?

.....

- c. Write out the sentences in this passage which says that an animal infected with rabies at first behaves as if it is normal, but bites when it is annoyed.

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3. Write one word for each of the given words selecting from the passage.

- a. eradicated -
- b. unavoidable -

(10 marks)

04. Read the following poem and do the activities that follow.

Good and Bad Children

Children, You are very little,
And your bones are very brittle;
If you would grow great and stately,
You must try to walk sedately.

You must still be bright and quiet,
And content with a simple diet,
And remain, through all be wild' ring
Innocent and honest children.

Happy hearts and happy faces,
Happy play in grassy places
That was how in ancient ages,
Children grew to kings and sages.

But the unkind and the unruly,
And the sort who eat unduly,
They must never hope for glory
There is quite a different story

Cruel Children, crying babies.
All grow up as geese and gabies
Hated, as their age increases
By their nephews and their nieces

Robert Louis Stevenson

1. Mark True or False in the space provided.
 - a. The poet advices children to walk sedately when they grow up. (.....) (1 M)
 - b. The poet mentions that unkind and unruly children will be glorified. (.....) (1 M)
2.
 - a. What type of children grew up to be kings and sages? (2 M)
.....
 - b. When are cruel children and crying babies disliked by their nephews and nieces? (2 M)
.....
3. Write the words that rhyme with the following words. (4 M)
 - a. little
 - b. quiet
 - c. ages
 - d. babies

PART C - SUMMARIZING

Write a summary of each of the following two texts. Do not use more than 40 words. Write one word in each cage.

1. The motor - race was not due to begin until 2.30 and the large crowd cheered loudly when at 2.15 the first cars were wheeled out to take up their positions. So many racing - cars gathered together were a rare and splendid sight. Shining red, blue and silver in the bright sunshine, they looked rather like jet - areoplanes without wings. On the course, drivers dressed in helmets were talking to each other or standing by their cars, while engineers checked the engines for the last time. Soon a great many people began arriving at the starting - point and the crowd broke in to clapping when the two champions, Mercer and Torres arrived on the scene. At 2.30 sharp there was a pistol - shot followed by a roar of engines. The race had begun and in a few seconds the cars were fighting for first place. All the cars got off well except No.5 which refused to start and was hurriedly wheeled off the track.

(5 marks)

(40 words)

2. The home of an ordinary peaceable man was entered one day by a large and violent person, a person of great power and authority, who asked the man “Do you agree to serve me? Without saying a word, the man prepared food and drink for this person, and gave him the best room in the houses and the best bed to sleep on. Washing and mending his clothes, cooking his meals, cleaning up after him, the man of the house served the intruder diligently and without a word of complaint for seven years. At the end of this time the person of great power and authority had grown so fat. as fat even as the famous king of Egypt, and so unhealthy from lack of exercise that he died. The man wrapped the body in old sacking and threw it on a rubbish tip. Then he returned home, and burnt the bedding,

washed the bedstead down with disinfectant whitewashed the walls, scrubbed the floor - boards,
and answered: “No”

(5 marks)

(40 words)

PART D - WRITING

01. Write a letter to a friend whom you have not met for 5 years telling him or her what has happened to you during the period. Use about 100 words. (10 marks)

[illegible]

- Commencement of the course
- Duration of the course
- Course fee and the method of payments.

(15 marks)

[illegible]