



Grade 11

Second Term Test 2024

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English Language - II

Time - 02 Hours

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS ON THIS PAPER ITSELF

Total mark

Test 09

Read the text and underline the most suitable word given within brackets. *The first one is done for you.*

Travelling is the movement of people between distant geographical locations. It has changed (1) ((a) slightly (b) significantly (c) superstitiously) over the past years. A lot of people (2) ((a) around (b) near (c) close) the world travel to many places every year. Some travel for official purposes while some travel to take a (3) ((a) leisure (b) interval (c) break) from their busy lifestyles. No matter the reason, travelling opens a big door for us to (4) ((a) find (b) explore (c) look) the world beyond our imagination and indulge in many things. Further, it is an (5).....((a)alarming (b)annoying (c)amazing) way to learn a lot of things in life. But, before making travelling decisions, one must (6)((a)consider (b)conclude (c)continue) seriously about his or her health and financial status.

(5 marks)

Test 10

Complete the sentences by writing the correct form of the verb.

1. If the teacher (finish) the class early, I would join with my friends at the playground.
2. The school (reward) the students, if they win the final match.
3. If my brother had got enough marks, he (enter) the University of Colombo.
4. Achinth could apply for the post, if he (pass) the final examination.
5. If the syllabus is changed,the students.... (learn) new subjects.

(5 marks)

Test 11

Fill in the blanks with the words given in the box. There is one extra word.

when	drought	trees	water	to	disaster	due	both
proven	be	rate	the	will	region	join	

Drought is a dangerous condition which decreases the quality of life. It is termed as a natural (1) with harmful effects. A (2) usually occurs when a (3) faces a shortage of (4) This is mainly due (5) low rainfalls. Droughts can (6) fatal for (7) mankind and wildlife. Droughts are usually caused (8) to various reasons. One of (9) main reasons is deforestation. (10) there will be no (11) , the water on land (12) evaporate at a faster (13) The citizens and government must (14) hands to prevent droughts to save thousands of lives. This can save the world from such catastrophes.

(1/2x14=7 marks)

Test 12

Read the text given below and underline the correct form of the verb given within each bracket.

Hakgala Botanical Garden is the second largest botanical garden in Sri Lanka and is adjoining to Hakgala Strict Nature Reserve, which is the home to a variety of wild life, including bears, monkeys and birds. Hakgala Botanical Garden (1) ((a)is situated (b) was situated (c) are situated) in Nuwara Eliya. The garden (2) ((a) were established (b) has been established (c) was established) in 1861, under George Henry Kendrick Thwaites as an experimental cultivation of Cinchona, a commercial crop popular at that time. Then it was turned into an experimental tea cultivation and in 1884 the land (3) ((is being transformed (b) was transformed (c) were transformed)) into a garden. During the spring season in Nuwara Eliya, thousands of visitors come to see the blooms here. Though light motor vehicles (4) ((a) are permitted (b) is permitted (c) has been permitted) to enter the garden, the visitors (5) ((a) are advised (b) will advise (c) is advised) to walk around the garden if they wish to explore the beautiful places in this compact garden.

(5 marks)

Test 13

Read the following extracts taken from books and magazines. Select the most suitable caption for each extract and write the letter of the caption in the box given against the text. There is one extra caption.

Captions

A-Music heals body and mind

B-Effects of addicted reading

C-Reading as a family

D-Unsuspected sound pollutants

E- Everyone needs good companions

F-Minimize Environmental pollution

- i ☐ In other words, high-volume noises are abnormal. Technology has made things easier for people by creating appliances for almost everything. When you cook, you may use a mixer or a blender. You turn on the AC when it is hot. Also, you watch television or play music. However, all these appliances contribute to noise pollution by disturbing the natural rhythm of life and fall into the category of a pollutant.
- ii ☐ Music for healing has a powerful effect on physical and mental health. Studies show that it can reduce stress, improve moods, increase energy levels, decrease pain intensity ratings and even help with cognitive function.
- iii ☐ Thus, when the going gets tough, we depend on our friends for solace. Sometimes, it is not possible to share everything with the family, that is where friends come in. We can share everything with them without the fear of being judged.
- iv ☐ Too much of it, without striking a balance, can lead to issues like eye strain, sleep disruption if you're a late-night reader, and even social isolation, as it can cut into time that could be spent with others.
- v ☐ Doctors recommend that parents read with their children beginning as early as infancy and continuing through elementary school years. Reading with your children builds warm and happy associations with books, can make happy readers in the future.

(5 marks)

Write on one of the following. Use about 100 words.

(a) You are the president of the welfare society of your village. Write a letter of complaint to the Secretary of the Divisional Council for not collecting garbage in your area on time. Include:

- The problem regarding garbage collecting
- Difficulties faced by the villagers
- Request to take necessary actions to solve the matter immediately

Or

(b) The following table shows the items received as donations by three flood affected villages in Rathnapura district. Write a description about it. The following words will help you.

most, least, equal, few, more, some

Item	Kurulugama	Salmalgama	Vijayagama
Mats	360	360	200
Lunch packets	600	475	300
Water bottles	500	350	275
Bed sheets	0	180	210

Test 15

Read the following text and answer the questions given below.

One day, a young boy named Haroun was walking down the street and saw a group of kids in front of a school, beating up a child of his age and throwing his books on the ground. Haroun immediately intervened and stood up for the child. After the other kids fled, Haroun helped the child up, gathered his books and with a warm smile, asked, "Are you ok?"

The child was fine and after making sure he was right, Haroun asked for his name and address. The child's name was John and surprisingly he lived near Haroun's house. Then Haroun escorted him home. John thanked Haroun profusely for his noble act. Before Haroun left, he took John's number to check on him later.

The next morning, Haroun called John and asked if he wanted to join him and his friends to play. John didn't hesitate, as he didn't have any friends to hang out with, so he agreed. Thus, a strong friendship formed between them. No one bullied John thereafter.

Days and years passed, John and Haroun graduated from the same university. During the graduation ceremony, as the student who won the gold medal for his outstanding performance, John got the opportunity to speak and he said,

"I'd like to thank everyone who supported me on my journey. I thank my family and I'd like to thank the person who gave me life! Because of him, I'm here today. Let me share this story with you."

He looked at Haroun and continued his speech. "Twenty years ago, a group of kids beat me up and threw my books away in the street. I was thinking about quitting the school that day, but my childhood friend, Haroun intervened, defended me and with his gentle smile, he gave me life and hope again. It was not my talents and skills that brought me here but the friendship of Haroun."

1. Say whether the following statements are true or false by writing **T** or **F** in the box given in front of each sentence.

- (a) Haroun saved John from other mischievous kids
- (b) John moved to Haroun's neighbourhood after they became friends
- (c) John graduated from a different university
- (d) Unknown boys became intimate friends at the end

(2 marks)

2. Underline the phrase that is closest in meaning to the following.

a. intervene

- (i) take part in an event to change the result
- (ii) pay no attention to change the result
- (iii) take no notice
- (iv) be friendly or helpful

b. escort

- (i) send somewhere
- (ii) accompany another
- (iii) point the wrong direction
- (iv) flee somewhere

(2 marks)

3. Write the sentence which says that John didn't refuse the request of Haroun to play with his mates.

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(1 marks)

4. What does the following word in the passage refer to?

- (a) 'his' in 4th paragraph -

(1 mark)

5. Haroun is a boy with a good character as he,

- (a) fought with other kids
- (b) helped John financially to get the degree
- (c) rescued the poor boy from bad kids
- (d) gave an idea to escape from the kids

(1 mark)

6. Underline the correct statement about John

- (a) He resentfully thanked his friend at the ceremony
- (b) He honestly appreciated his companion and family
- (c) He was proud of his skills and talents

(1 mark)

Test 16

(a) Write on one of the following. Use about 200 words.

(15 marks)

1. Write an essay on "Exercising everyday will keep the doctor away"

- What healthy life is
- Different ways of doing exercises (walking , engaging in sports, regular exercising , doing yoga, dancing , swimming , etc)
- Benefits it provides to lead a healthy life

2. Write an article to the Junior Observer on "The changes I wish to see in the school education system". You may include;

- Your ideas about current education system
- Changes you like to see
- What would be the result of those changes

3. Write a speech you would make at the school Science day on "Let's save energy". You may include the following

- The type of energy resources(i. renewable energy: wind, solar power, wave energy
ii. non -renewable energy: Coal, oil and natural gases)
- How we can contribute to save energy (i)as a person
(ii)as a country
- Benefits we receive by saving energy

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(15 marks)