



RAHULA COLLEGE - MATARA

First Term Test - 2011

General English

Grade 12

Time : 2 hours

Name :

Class :

- ❖ Answer all questions on this paper itself.
- ❖ Marks will be deducted for bad punctuation (Omission of full stops, capital letters etc) and for mistakes in basic grammar.

Grammar

01. Fill in the blank with a suitable preposition from the list given below. (10 marks)

When I had finished my coffee, I went along (1) the bookstall, where I bought a couple (2) magazines, both of them (3) travel, which would help to make the time pass pleasantly. Then I went (4) one of the waiting – rooms and made myself comfortable (5) a big armchair. Suddenly someone came up and put his hand (6) my shoulder. He was an old friend, who was just about to leave on a business trip. We had not seen each other (7) a long time. I studied the faces of the people (8) me. One was looking (9) his watch. My friend found plenty to talk until the arrival of his plane (10) Sri Lanka was announced.

(about , for , to , from , around , in , at , on , into , of)

02. Fill in each blank with the correct form of verb given in brackets. (5 Marks)

- (i) Nihara - Did you enjoy your holiday?
Sahan - Yes, it (be) wonderful.
- (ii) Nihara - What time does the train leave?
Sahan - It (leave) at 5.50 every morning.
- (iii) Sahan - When will you come back?
Nihara - I (come) next Monday.
- (iv) Nihara - Have you completed your computer course?
Sahan - Yes. I (complete) it.
- (iv) Sahan - What are you doing these days?
Nihara - I (look) for a new job.

03. Form questions to get the underlined words as answers. (10 marks)

1. Nirosh is the tallest boy in the class.
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2. Gayan bought a new computer.
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3. They are arranging the main hall.
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4. My friend will visit me tomorrow.
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5. Kumara goes to work by train.
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Vocabulary

04. Underline the correct word or words to complete the sentence meaningfully. (5 marks)

1. Lead (ers , ership , ing) qualities should be developed in students.
2. Stevie Wonder is wide (r , ly , est) acclaimed for his outstanding contribution to the music world.
3. The world population to offici..... (al , ally , als) hit seven billion on 30th Oct.2012.
4. Candidates should bring their nation..... (al , ality , s) identity card for the exam.
5. Many road accidents are caused by care (ful , fully , less) drivers.

05. Fill in each blank with the correct word given in brackets. (10 marks)

1. He the letter the window.
(through , threw)
2. I your assistance. Did he out the letters? (sort , sought)
3. Let us a wise policy. We can ourselves to local conditions. (adopt , adapt)
4. She is for the death of her relation. I went there in the (morning, mourning)
5. You must the bill. Here is the for Rs.500/-. (cheque , check)

06. Find the mistake of the sentence. Underline it and write the correct word in the given space. (5 marks)

1. Each of the actors did their part well (.....)
2. The news were conveyed to her. (.....)
3. He took no interest on his studies. (.....)
4. Is he more clever than his friend? (.....)
5. He scored much runs for Sri Lanaka. (.....)

07. Select five words from the given list and use each of them in a sentence to bring out its meaning clearly. You may use the verbs in any tense. (10 marks)

whole , forget , increase , situation , advice , popular , behaviour , knowledge , thank , company

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Reading Comprehension

08. Read the article and answer the questions. (15 marks)

Professor Ediriweera Sarachchandra.

Professor Ediriweera Sarachchandra was born on June 3, 1914 in a southern village of Sri Lanka. Sarachchandra was a promising student. He got the best of education at Richmond College, Galle and St.Thomas College, Mt.Lavina. He had his university education from the university college, Colombo in 1936.

After graduation he started teaching at St.Thomas' College, his Alma mater, for sometime. Next he studied for his Master's degree and PhD in Western philosophy offered by London University. Following this academic achievements, he became the professor of Sinhalese in the University of Ceylon.

Later on, he stayed in Japan, India and USA to study of drama in these countries. In 1956 with the production of Maname, he became famous in Sinhala drama.

- (1) When and where was professor Sarachchandra born?
(i) _____ (ii) _____
- (2) In which schools did he get his education?
(i) _____ (ii) _____
- (3) In which year was he in the University College, Colombo?
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- (4) Where did he teach?
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- (5) What were his academic achievements?
(i) _____ (ii) _____
- (6) How did he become famous?
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- (7) When did he produce “Maname”?
.....
- (8) From which countries did he improve his knowledge of drama?
(i) _____ (ii) _____
- (9) Where did he work as the professor of Sinhalese?
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09. Fill in the blanks with a suitable word from the list given below. (10 marks)

Sri Lanka has today reached the status of a middle – income developing country
..... Free market liberalized
policies. Today, Sri Lanka is ranked the most liberalized
economy south Asia. Our economy is expected to grow at a
..... of seven percent this year. One of Sri Lanak’s
..... assests is our skilled and
educated labour force. Sri Lanaka since times is an important
centre in the routes. Networks of modern
..... And railway services are being constructed speedily.

(ancient , economic , highly , with , trading , in , highways , as , greatest , rate)

10. Find the meaning of the underlined words in the news headlines and match them with the correct number in the box provided. (10 marks)

- 1. Thousands evacuated in El Salvador due to landslides.
- 2. Three fined for killing crocodile.
- 3. Exhibition targets alcohol users.
- 4. Lifting fashion industry to the top.
- 5. Lankan market slow to buy eco-friendly products.
- 6. Immunity is the best medicine.
- 7. Car fumes raise heart attack risk.
- 8. England crushed windies by 10 wickets.
- 9. Lanka – Oman to strengthen ties.
- 10. Sri Lanka can handle its own affairs.

- a) aims -
- b) no any harm done for the atmosphere.
- c) improving to a higher level.
- d) removed somebody from danger place.
- e) relationships.
- f) ability to resist infection.
- g) control.
- h) develop.
- i) money paid as a punishment for breaking a law.
- j) defeated completely.

Writing

11. Write ten sentences to describe one of your relations whom you like most (use 100 words) (10 marks)

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