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Question Paper - I, II | ප්‍රශ්න පත්‍රය - I, II (English Medium)



Test 2

Fill in the blanks in the following dialogue. Use the words given in the box. There is one extra word. The first one is done for you. (1x 5 = 5 marks)

recently	spend	photographs	great	historical	shrine	holiday
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- Nuvindu : Hi Imal! I haven't seen you for a few days.
 Imal : Hi, I went on a trip to Kandy.
 Nuvindu : That's **great**. Whom did you go with?
 Imal : With my pen friend who came from Japan
 Nuvindu : Where did you visit?
 Imal : He wanted to visit the places of importance. We went to the Temple of the Tooth, Embekke, Gadaladeniya and Lankathilaka temple.
 Nuvindu : Really! How many days did you in Kandy?
 Imal : Three days only, but we had a wonderful time.
 Nuvindu : Can I see the?
 Imal : Sure, I will show them to you.

Test 3

Study the picture and fill in the blanks using the words given in the box. Write the letter of the correct word in the blank. The first one is done for you. (1/2 x 10 = 5 marks)



This is a picture of a small bedroom. There are several (1)e..... such as a carpet, a desk, a chair, a wall hanger and (2) toys on a rack that is fixed to the wall. There is a (3) on the left side of the wall with curtains hung on either (4) of it. There is a (5) bed with a pillow and a bed sheet. Two girls are sitting on the bed. The girl with a toy (6) in her hand has short hair while the (7) girl has pigtails. The two girls seem to be (8) about the toy and the girl in (9) is wearing shoes. There is a small desk and a (10) on the right side of the picture and the carpet is lying on the (11) just in front of the bed.

a	talking	b	chair	c	side	d	two	e	things
f	window	g	single	h	elephant	i	other	j	spectacles
k	floor								

Test 4

Underline the most suitable word to fill in each blank. *The first one is done for you.* (1x 5 = 5 marks)

Why should we respect elders? When we give respect to someone (1) (it, it's, itself) means you have already taken the first step towards getting a place in (2) (there, their, they) heart. Respecting elders in our life gives (3) (us, we, ourselves) confidence. If you want to achieve success and prosperity, (4) (you, your, yourself) have to cultivate this quality. Elders should be given respect as we can learn a lot by observing (5) (they, their, them). When you give respect to people, they think they are important in (6) (you, your, yourself) life. Let us respect our elders.

Test 5

Read the text and complete the table given below. *The first one is done for you.* (1x 5 = 5 marks)

Japan is an island country in East Asia. It is situated in the Northwest Pacific ocean and is bordered on the west by the Sea of Japan. Five main islands in Japan are Hokkaido, Honshu, Shikoku, Kyushu and Okinawa. Tokyo is the capital. The language spoken is Japanese and the currency is Japanese Yen.

Japan is the most populous country in the world, and also one of the most densely populated and urbanized. Japan is famous for natural sights like cherry blossoms and Mount Fuji, cutting edge technology like Japanese cars and bullet trains, inventions like karaoke and vending machines, cultural values like politeness and punctuality, popular anime and Manga, and also the mouth-watering food like ramen and sushi.

Situated in	1	Northwest Pacific Ocean
Two main islands	2
	3
Currency	4
A natural sight	5
A cultural value	6

Test 6

The English Literary Association of your school has planned to form a Debating Circle to improve the English skills of the students of your school.

Write a notice inviting students to participate in a meeting to form the club. Use about 40 – 50 words. Include the following:

- Date, time, venue
- Purpose

(5 marks)

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Test 11

Fill in the blanks with the words given in the box. *There is one extra word.* (1/2 x 14 = 7 marks)

when	were	in	airports	within	are	become
made	every	beginning	air	but	hundreds	lands a

Air travels has developed steadily in the twentieth century. Aeroplanes (1) invented only at the (2) of this century, but (3) eight decades they have (4) a common sight. Today, (5)minute, thousands of planes (6)and take off at (7)all over the world. (8) man has still not (9) air travel completely safe. (10)very large number of (11) crashes still take place. (12)an aeroplane crashes, often (13)of people are killed (14) 1977, one of the worst crashes took place at Tenerife airport when two jumbo jets took off.

Test 12

Zuha received the following letter from her friend Sanduni who has gone on a holiday to Jaffna. **Fill in the blanks using the most appropriate form of the verb given within brackets.** (5 marks)

Dear Zuha,

How are you? I'm in Jaffna. As I told you, I came here last Friday. On my arrival, I (1) (fascinate) by the beauty of this area. I (2) (stay) with my pen friend, Shobana's family these days. We (3) (know) each other for a long time. I (4) (write) to her since I was in grade 6. I (5) (tell) you about the places I visited when we meet. Give my love to all in your family.

Sanduni

Test 13

Read the following description of books. Match them with the type of books the five students love to read. Write the correct letter of the book in the box. (5 marks)

A

Anne Frank

This is a diary of a young girl. This was originally written in Dutch language while she was in hiding for two years with her family during the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands.

B

Robinson Crusoe

It is a novel by Daniel Defoe. The main character sailed for an adventure. His ship got wrecked and he landed on a deserted island surrounded by Barbarians.

C

Madol Doowa

It is a story about a mischievous boy who ran away with his friend and lived in an island. This story was written by Martin Wickramasinghe.

D

Jane Eyre

This is a novel by Charlotte Bronte. It is about an orphan girl who lived with her uncle's family. Later she worked as a governess where she met her love.

E

Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

This is a novel by Mark Twain. The story is about a boy who runs away from his abusive father and makes a long voyage down a river. During the journey he meets many different characters.

Test 15

Read the following text and answer the questions given below.

The Cloth of Emperor

- 1 Kings and princes have used it to make their clothes and decorate their houses for hundreds of years. And it is made by a tiny caterpillar. What is it? It is silk, an ancient material which came from China and has been woven into rugs, clothes, tapestries and decorations of all kinds of close to 4000 years. It is a rich, soft shining cloth, lovely to wear and beautiful to see.
- 2 Where does silk come from? How is it made? Silk is a natural material made from tiny threads that are squeezed out as a liquid, from the body of the silkworm. The silkworm is not really a worm at all but a caterpillar. The liquid silk comes out of its body at about 30 centimetres a minute, and it hardens when it touches the air. **It** is what the caterpillar uses to form its **cocoon**. Inside the egg-shaped ball of rich material, which is waterproof, the caterpillar takes two weeks to become a moth. The moth spits out a **substance** that breaks down the cocoon and finds its way outside to mate, lay eggs and die in two to three days. The problem is, this substance spoils the cocoon for making silk. So the caterpillars in the cocoon that are used for silk making have to be stifled with steam of hot air. This is the only way to make sure that an unbroken thread of silk can be unravelled from the cocoon.
- 3 Silk remained a Chinese secret for hundreds of years. The Chinese knew how to feed the silkworms on the leaves of the mulberry tree. **They** knew how to pluck, chop and prepare the mulberry leaves so the greedy larvae would eat them. They knew what things to do and not to do so as to ensure that the worms spin threads of the finest silk.
- 4 Here are some old Chinese rules for rearing silkworms. They are still observed. A freshly hatched silkworm can be upset by the bark of a dog, the crow of a cock or even a bad smell. These must be avoided. Worms should rest on dry mattresses. They must sleep, eat and work in harmony. If a newly hatched worm is drowsy, tickle it with a chicken feather to help it grow. Also the attendant to the worms, called the silkworm mother, should wear clean, simple clothes and should have no strong smells.

1. Say whether the following statements are **True** or **False**. Put a tick (✓) in the relevant column.
(1/2 x 4 = 2 marks)

		True	False
1	The silk is a liquid when it first comes out of a silkworm's body.		
2	The silkworm is a worm.		
3	A silkworm hatches into a moth after six weeks.		
4	The silk moth lives for a few days after she has laid her eggs.		

2. Underline the phrase that is closest in meaning to the following. (1 x 2 = 2 marks)

- a **Cocoon** in paragraph 2
- i Young caterpillar
 - ii Silkworm
 - iii Silky wrap
 - iv material
- b **Substance** in paragraph 2
- i Substitute
 - ii Insect
 - iii Cocoon
 - iv material

3. Write the word in paragraph 2 that is similar in meaning to 'pressed'

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(1 mark)

