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□ PART A – GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY [35 marks]

Question 1

Fill in the blanks in the following text, using the **prepositions** given in the box. Use each preposition **only once**. There is one preposition extra. **(05 marks)**

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A clever student was working hard (1) his final exams at the university. One day, he asked his teacher, “Can a person succeed (2) an effort?”

The teacher, who was proud (3) his students, smiled calmly.

He looked (4)the student and said, “Well, nothing comes (5)hard work”

Poor student looked at the teacher confused and went away quickly.

Question 2

Fill in each blank with the **correct form** of the **verb** given within brackets. **(10 marks)**

A young man was walking through a park enjoying the beauty of the surrounding, suddenly he saw a child (1) (cry) near a bench. The child (2) (lose) his toy and could not find it. The man at once (3) (go) over to help him.

“I (4) (help) you,” he said kindly. “Where did you (5) (see) it?”

The child pointed to a tree and said he (6) (play) there a few minutes earlier. After searching for a while, the man finally (7) (find) the toy under some leaves.

The child was very happy and (8) (thank) the man again and again. The man smiled and (9) (walk) away, feeling glad that he (10) (make) someone happy. He felt the real feeling of a good deed.

Question 3

Underline the most appropriate word from those given within brackets to fill in the blanks in the following text. **(10 marks)**

A little girl was walking by the river when she saw a puppy stuck in the mud. She quickly ran to help and lifted it in (1) (she/ her/ hers) arms. The puppy was shaking too much, (2) (nor/ or/ so) the girl decided to wrap it in her jacket.

At home, she gave it (3) (some/ any/ many) food and a warm bath. Her family was happy to see a new pet in (4) (they're/ there/ their) house.

She looked after the puppy every day (5) (because/ until/ as if) it became strong and playful again. One day, she took (6) (its/ it/ it's) outside and let it run freely.

Her father smiled and said, "You have kind heart. Helping animals is (7) (some/ a/ the) wonderful thing."

The cute puppy barked happily (8) (as if/ although/ when) it was thanking her. It was one of (9) (this/ that/ those) moments she would always remember.

Kindness makes the whole world (10) (a/ an/ the) better place to live in peace and harmony, no matter humans or animals.

Question 4

Underline the most appropriate word from those given within brackets. **(05 marks)**

1. Throughout our lives, we form (closest/ different/ huge/ magnificent) kinds of relationships with many people.
2. Mrs. Malani Fonseka was an (efficient/ eminent/ energetic/ enthusiastic) Sri Lankan artist. She is a well-known actress in our country.
3. They will soon take actions to (appoint/ implement/ perform/ operate) the new reforms in the country.
4. You can (gather/ collect/ rise/ improve) your knowledge about history by searching the internet.
5. You should listen to stories and practice (speaking/ pronouncing/ narrating/ reciting) them for the competition.

Question 5

Underline the correct word -ending, selecting from those given in brackets. **(05 marks)**

A teacher in a secondary grade asked her students, “What would you do if you could help someone in need?”

One student replied (1) kind (ness/ ly/ ful). “I would share my food and speak to them with (2) gentle (ness/ ly/ ful).”

Another student (3) eager (ness/ ly/ ful) answered, “I would volunteer to help at a shelter.”

Then a (4) cheer (ful/ fully/ fulness) girl said, “I would try to make them smile.”

The teacher listened (5) attent (ive/ ion/ ively) to all the students and said, “I am so proud of your thoughts and I know all you have kind hearts to help someone in need.”

☐ PART B – READING AND WRITING [25 Marks]

Question 6

Underline the option that best expresses the meaning of each of the sentences given below in **bold** print. **(05 Marks)**

1. The project was completed in spite of many difficulties.

- (a) The project was cancelled due to difficulties.
- (b) The project was completed despite difficulties.
- (c) The project had no difficulties.
- (d) The project was delayed because of success.

2. She would rather stay at home than attend the function.

- (a) She prefers staying at home to attending the function.
- (b) She enjoys attending functions at home.
- (c) She must attend the function at home.
- (d) She is forced to attend the function.

3. The new policy is expected to bring about significant changes.

- (a) The new policy has already changed everything.
- (b) Significant changes are likely because of the new policy.
- (c) The policy prevents any changes.
- (d) The policy is not important for changes.

4. He is believed to have left the country last night.

- (a) He will leave the country tonight.
- (b) People think he left the country last night.
- (c) He is planning to leave soon.
- (d) He did not leave the country.

5. The more you practise, the better you become.

- (a) Practice does not improve performance.
- (b) Improvement depends on natural talent only.
- (c) Increased practice leads to improvement.
- (d) Practice makes no difference.

Question 7

Read the following **four** news items and answer the questions **(I)** and **(II)**. **(10 Marks)**

(1) Urban transport development	(2) School nutrition programme
The Ministry of Transport has introduced a new bus priority lane in Colombo city to reduce traffic congestion during peak hours, which has become a major concern for daily commuters. The lane will operate only on weekdays, especially during morning and evening rush hours, when traffic is at its highest. Only public buses will be allowed to use this dedicated lane during specified times, while other vehicles must use regular lanes. Officials believe this initiative will significantly improve travel time, reduce fuel consumption, and encourage more people to shift from private vehicles to public transport, thereby easing congestion in the long term.	A revised school meal programme has been launched for primary students in government schools across the country to address concerns about child nutrition and learning ability. The programme aims to provide balanced and nutritious meals that include essential vitamins and minerals needed for healthy growth. Education and health authorities have stated that properly nourished students show better concentration, improved attendance, and higher academic performance in classrooms. In addition, the programme will use locally sourced food items such as vegetables, fruits, and grains, which will not only ensure freshness but also support local farmers and strengthen the rural economy.

(3) Tourism promotion campaign	(4) Flood preparedness measures
Sri Lanka Tourism has launched a new international campaign to attract more visitors during the off-season, a period when tourist arrivals are usually low. This campaign focuses on promoting the country's rich cultural heritage, including ancient temples and historical sites, as well as its diverse wildlife parks and scenic coastal destinations. Authorities have also introduced special travel packages, discounted hotel rates, and promotional offers to encourage early bookings from international travellers. By highlighting unique experiences and affordability, officials hope to maintain a steady flow of tourists throughout the year and increase foreign exchange earnings for the country.	Due to forecasts of heavy rainfall in several regions, the Disaster Management Centre has issued early warnings to residents living in low-lying and flood-prone areas. Authorities have taken precautionary steps by deploying emergency response teams and preparing temporary shelters equipped with basic facilities such as food, water, and medical supplies. Local officials are closely monitoring weather updates and water levels in rivers and reservoirs to respond quickly if conditions worsen. Residents have been strongly advised to remain alert, follow safety instructions, and be prepared to evacuate if necessary in order to minimize damage and ensure public safety.

(I) **Underline** the most appropriate response in each of the question from **(1) – (5)**.

1. What is the long-term benefit expected from the bus priority lane?

- (a) Increasing private vehicle usage
- (b) Reducing dependence on public transport
- (c) Encouraging more people to use public transport
- (d) Limiting road development

2. The school meal programme is important mainly because it

- (a) reduces government spending
- (b) replaces home-cooked food
- (c) supports both student health and local farmers
- (d) focuses only on rural schools

3. What is the main strategy used in the tourism campaign?

- (a) Increasing ticket prices
- (b) Promoting only urban areas
- (c) Highlighting attractions and offering discounts
- (d) Limiting tourist entry

4. Why have emergency teams been deployed in certain areas?

- (a) To repair damaged roads
- (b) To control tourist activities
- (c) To respond quickly to possible flood situations
- (d) To distribute school meals

5. The word “**initiative**” (news item 1 context) most nearly means

- (a) problem (b) plan or new action (c) delay (d) restriction

(II) Do the following statements agree with the information given in the above text?

In boxes (6) – (10), write **True (T)** or **False (F)** or **Not Given (NG)**.

True	If the statement is correct
False	If the statement is wrong
Not Given	If there is no sufficient information

	Statements	
6.	The bus priority lane is available every day of the week.	
7.	The school meal programme uses food produced within the country.	
8.	The tourism campaign focuses only on coastal areas.	
9.	Authorities have prepared shelters before the floods occur.	
10.	People are advised to ignore safety instructions during heavy rains.	

Question 8

Write a paragraph 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)**

Technology has greatly influenced the way students learn today

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