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PART A – VOCABULARY (25 marks)

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

A: Did you read about the accident (1) involv..... (ed, es, ing) two teenagers last night?

B: Yes, I did. The sports car they were driving crashed into a tree. Both of them died on the spot. It was such a (2) trag..... (edy, ic, ical). They were so young.

A: Yes, it was. I think the government should raise the age for driving.

B: Do you think that would help?

A: (3) Cert..... (ain, ainty, ainly). If the age limit were raised to 21, I feel there would be fewer accidents. This is because young adults at that age are generally more mature and (4) responsib..... (le, ility, ly). As a result, they are sensible enough not to show off their sporty cars by driving recklessly at breakneck speeds. Furthermore, I don't think they would take (5) unnecess..... (ity, arily, ary) risks.

Hopefully, they would value their lives and the lives of others as well.

B: I guess you're right.

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II. Among those meanings given at the end of the text, **underline** the meaning which is most appropriate to the context in which the **word** in bold print appears in the text. **(10 marks)**

An unemployed man applies for the **position** of a janitor at Microsoft. He is interviewed by the HR Chief and the HR Chief tells him, "Congratulations, you got the job!" and he asks the man for his e-mail address to send him the employment package. The man is **distraught**. He has no choice but to tell the HR Chief that he has no computer and therefore no e-mail. The HR Chief tells him that if he has no e-mail address, he **virtually** doesn't exist and therefore cannot hold a job.

The man leaves in a **desperate** mood. He is down to his last $ 10 with no job in sight. He sees a supermarket and decides to buy a 10 pound box of strawberries. He starts out making door to door calls selling those strawberries by the pound. Within 2 hours he manages to double his **capital**. He repeats the deal three times more and goes home with $ 60 in his pockets. He realizes that he can survive this way. He starts every day earlier and goes home later tripling or **quadrupling** his money day by day.

Before long, he buys a wheelbarrow so that he can buy and sell more strawberries. After a while he is able to buy a truck and **eventually** he becomes the owner of a **fleet** of delivery trucks with several employees working for him. He adds other produces to his deliveries.

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Five years go by. The man is now the owner of one of the largest food chains in the United States. He decides to buy some life insurance and he calls an agent and selects a good policy. The agent asks him for his e-mail address to send him a confirmation of his policy. The man tells the agent that he doesn't have an e-mail address. "That is **incredible**." says the agent. "You have no e-mail but you built this **empire**! Can you imagine where you would be if you had an e-mail address?"

The man thinks briefly and says, "I would be a toilet cleaner at Microsoft!"

(1) position – A. career B. profession C. post D. situation

(2) distraught – A. very angry B. very nervous C. very upset D. very frightened

(3) virtually – A. almost B. certainly C. totally D. on the whole

(4) desperate – A. unhappy B. dangerous C. without hope D. without income

(5) capital – A. borrowed money B. cash in hand
C. upper case D. main town

(6) quadrupling – A. quartering B. multiplying
C. multiplying four times D. totalling

(7) eventually – A. at last as a result B. gradually
C. in no time D. very rapidly

(8) fleet – A. very fast B. a large number of
C. a small number of D. very expensive

(9) incredible – A. highly believable B. surprising
C. unbelievable D. not true

(10) empire – A. countries ruled by an emperor B. dream come true
C. a number of independent nations D. a large prosperous business establishment

Q. II 10

III. Select any **five** words from the list given below and use each of them in a meaningful sentence. You may use the verbs in any tense. You may use the plural form of the nouns. But do **not** change the form of the other words. **(05 marks)**

decision, horrible, recommend, fluently, perform, impression, economy, consider, unfortunately, grateful

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Q. III 5

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

(1) My uncle is a (large, highly, popularly) talented singer.

(2) She could not sit the exam due to unavoidable (circumstances, conditions, surroundings).

(3) The (audience, spectators, participants) of the seminar were happy with the presentation.

(4) He (spoke, sang, worked) precisely to the point.

(5) The government is trying to put an end to the (accident, fast food, drug) menace to save our youth from ruin.

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❑ PART B – DIALOGUES (25 marks)

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I. How do you respond in each of the following situations? Write only **one** sentence or question for each, beginning with the word/s given. **(05 marks)**

(1) A/L results were released yesterday. You meet one of your classmates today. Ask him/her the results.

"What .....?"

(2) Your group is busy doing a project. How would you suggest to your group members to go to canteen to have a cup of tea?

"Shall .....?"

(3) You borrowed your friend's science book. Your little brother has scribbled on it. What would you say to your friend?

"I ....."

(4) A passenger in your bus begins to smoke inside the bus. You do not like it. What would you say?

"Would .....

..... ?"

(5) You are the announcer in the morning assembly today. Some items have already been presented. Introduce the next item.

"The next item .....

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Q. I 5

II. Complete the missing parts of the following dialogue between a caller and a receptionist. Do **not** use **more than two** sentences or questions in each blank. **(05 marks)**

Receptionist : Jaffna Medical Centre. (1) .....?

Caller : I need to make an appointment with Dr. Majid.

Receptionist : OK. Sir (2) .....?

Caller : I'm Manoj Silva.

Receptionist : Right. Sir now, may I know when you want to see the doctor?

Caller : Well, (3) .....

Receptionist : Hmm. I'm sorry, Doctor Majid is off tomorrow. (4) .....

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Caller : Oh, no, I cannot wait until Wednesday. I was really hoping to get an appointment tomorrow in case I need some antibiotics. May be I'll have to go to hospital instead.

Receptionist : Sir, (5) .....?

Caller : I am in my office now, in Jaffna.

Receptionist : Actually, we had a cancellation for 2.00 p.m. today, mmm.... if you can get away from the office....

Caller : Well, it's almost 1.00 p.m. already. I think I can come if I leave right now.

Receptionist : No hurry, we're running a bit behind schedule, so you can probably come around 2.30 p.m.

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III. You are going to send a parcel to a friend of yours in Thailand. You are speaking to the officer at the post office. Use the given guidelines and complete the missing parts of the dialogue between the two of you. **(05 marks)**

Officer : "(1) .....

.....?"

(He begins the conversation by asking an appropriate question.)

You : "(2) .....

....."

(You say what you want.)

Officer : Give me the parcel, please. OK, let me see how much it weighs. mmm... It's about 750 g.

You : "(3) .....?"

(You ask an appropriate question.)

Officer : Two hundred rupees. Yes, two hundred rupees if you send it by normal post.

You : "(4) .....?"

(You ask an appropriate question.)

Officer : It'll take about six days. Anyway, if you send it express, it will get there tomorrow. But then you'll have to pay an extra amount of seventy rupees.

You : Well, my friend wants this parcel immediately. So, (5) .....

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(You complete the utterance appropriately.)

Officer : OK. Then give me two hundred and seventy rupees, please.

You : Here it is.

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IV. Imagine that you placed an order for a washing machine and a refrigerator. (Order No. WR 1187). The manufacturing company assured you that the items would be delivered before 30th June. But you have not received them so far. Now you are speaking to the Sales Manager of this company. **Write out** the telephone conversation that takes place between the Sales Manager and you. Each one should speak at least **five** times. **(10 marks)**

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