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Paper I

Part	Marks
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Total	60

Instructions:

- * 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
- * The supervisor will provide you with sheets for rough work.

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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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Two friends were sitting (1) a tree. "What a beautiful night, look at the moon," one of them said (2) the other.
The second one looked at the sky and said, "You are wrong, that's not the moon, that's the sun." Both started arguing (3) a while until they saw another person coming towards them. One stopped him and asked, "Sir, I was having an argument (4) my friend. Could you please help us settle our argument? Tell us what that thing is up in the sky that's shining. Is it the moon or the sun?"
The third one looked at the sky and said, "Sorry, I don't live (5) this part of the country."

Question 2

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

Jayantha is a management assistant in a government office in Rajagiriya.
He (1)..... (work) in the office from eight o'clock in the morning to four o'clock in the afternoon.
Last Monday, at four o'clock he (2)..... (leave) the office and got on a bus (3)..... (go) home. (4)..... (find) a vacant seat, he sat down behind the bus driver. Suddenly, the bus driver began to lean forward. His head was almost touching the floor. Jayantha jumped up and told the passenger sitting next to him, (5)"..... (keep) my bag, please.
I (6)..... (see) what is happening."

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He shook the driver and asked "Why? What (7).....(be) the problem?"
 No response (8)..... (make) by the driver. The bus was going fast,
 and nobody was driving it. Jayantha had to stop the bus! He put his hands on the
 steering wheel and his left foot on the brake. He drove the bus to the left side of
 the street. Slowly, he stopped the bus. An ambulance (9)..... (arrive)
 and took the bus driver to the hospital. All the passengers on the bus were OK.
 Jayantha is a management assistant but one day, for five minutes, he became a bus
 driver. If he (10)..... (not take) his decision at the right time to stop
 the bus, many passengers would have been injured that day.

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Question 3

Underline the correct word/phrase from those given within brackets to fill in the blanks
 in the following text. (10 marks)

Relationships can be described as the connections we share with
 (1)..... (another/other/much) people. Throughout our lives, we form
 (2)..... (magnificent/different/huge) kinds of relationships with many
 people. The first and the (3)..... (closing/closer/closest) relationships
 we form are usually with our parents and other family members. We continue
 to form new relationships throughout our lives.
 The close bonds (4)..... (us/we/ourselves) share with our friends
 can be formed as children, as teenagers, or as adults. You have probably made
 (5)..... (a little/much/many) close friends in your primary school.
 You may have even made close friends in your present class.
 (6)..... (In order that/After/As if) you leave school too, you will
 continue to make friends, (7)..... (whether/neither/both) you go
 for higher education or for a job.
 An important (8)..... (section/division/part) of our lives as we
 grow older is the close relationships that we form with our life partners.
 They are (9)..... (rarely/probably/occasionally) the most intimate
 of all relationships. According to some cultures, this is described as falling
 in love. According to such cultures, one must be in love in order to marry.
 (10)..... , (Therefore/As a result/However) according to some other
 cultures, marriage can precede love.

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Question 4

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

- (1) People all over the world use different devices to
 (see/enter/access) internet.
- (2) Speaking English will (extend/enlarge/boost) your confidence.
- (3) The doctor ordered the fully-recovered patient to be
 (departed/discharged/deported) from the hospital.
- (4) Pandit W. D. Amaradeva was an (amiable/efficient/eminent)
 Sri Lankan vocalist. He is a well known musician in Sri Lanka.
- (5) The selected candidate is responsible for achieving monthly sales
 (targets/aims/calculations) given by the company.

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Question 5

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

- (1) The Maradana College of Technology is the old..... (er/est/ish) technical college in Sri Lanka.
- (2) Ravindran was always obedi..... (ent/ence/ently) to his mother's wish.
- (3) Kamal's person.....(ally/al/alise) information was used by an unknown person to hack into his bank account.
- (4) Azaad lifted the heavy chair effort..... (s/less/lessly) because he is very strong.
- (5) There is encourag..... (ement/es/ingly) from the government for graduates to become self-employed.

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○ 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) **Mr. Molagoda has never been to Jaffna.**
 - a) Mr. Molagoda is in Jaffna now.
 - b) Mr. Molagoda has not visited Jaffna at all.
 - c) Mr. Molagoda does not hope to visit Jaffna.
 - d) Mr. Molagoda has visited Jaffna several times.
- (2) **Since the diploma course was too expensive, Nuwanga decided to follow a certificate course.**
 - a) Nuwanga could not afford to follow the diploma course.
 - b) Nuwanga did not want to follow a cheaper course of study.
 - c) Nuwanga wanted to follow only a highly advanced course of study.
 - d) Nuwanga was eligible to follow only the certificate course.
- (3) **Despite the warnings by the government, people rushed to cities to buy essential items.**
 - a) The government asked people to buy essential items from cities as soon as possible.
 - b) People went to cities to buy essential items on the request of the government.
 - c) People went to cities to buy essential items although the government told not to do so.
 - d) People always buy essential items from cities as it is convenient for them to do so.
- (4) **A woman who did not pay back Rs. 950,000 after obtaining it from three persons was taken into custody.**
 - a) A woman and three persons who illegally earned money were arrested.
 - b) A woman who helped three persons to illegally earn money was arrested.
 - c) Three persons who cheated a woman were arrested.
 - d) A woman who cheated three persons was arrested.
- (5) **Had the Landmaster been invented before 1955, farmers wouldn't have used imported tractors.**
 - a) The Landmaster was invented before 1955 so people did not use imported tractors.
 - b) The Landmaster had not been invented before 1955 so farmers used imported tractors.
 - c) The Landmaster was invented before 1955 but farmers continued to use imported tractors.
 - d) The Landmaster had not been invented before 1955 so farmers did not use imported tractors.

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Read the following **four** news items and answer the questions (a) and (b). **(10 marks)**

①

As a part of "Teachers' Day" programme of Kalpitiya Maha Vidyalaya, 42 teachers who had taught in the school were taken on a trip last Saturday. The trip was organized by the Old Students' Association of the school. The chairman of the association, Dr. Anura Silva said, " Our teachers first visited the Sithulpawwa temple, where they engaged in a number of religious activities. Then they visited several interesting places in the South and had lunch at the Navy Camp in Tangalle." Dr. Silva further said that one of the objectives of organizing this event was to set an example to the younger generation that **they** should respect and pay gratitude to their teachers who shaped their lives turning them into humans they are today.

②

The Old Boys' Association of Ruwanwella Boys' School organized a free Medical Camp at the school premises last Friday. Over five hundred persons in the area attended the camp to obtain medical services from specialized doctors. During the camp, the health issues were addressed and the participants were educated about the good health habits. Mosquito nets, dry rations, clothes and stationery for school children received from different organizations and other donors were distributed among the participants.

③

Social Responsibility Trust of Jayaviru (Pvt) Bank yesterday donated a three-wheeler to the 'Kaduvela Elders Home' in response to a request from the Home. The three-wheeler will be used to take elderly persons for medical treatment and for other essential transport. The donation was made to the Home by Mr. S.Palihakkara, the Manager of Jayaviru (Pvt) Bank, Kaduvela Branch.

④

The Biyagama police day-before yesterday arrested four men who were allegedly transporting a herd of cattle consisting of fifteen cows in Makola area. The suspects were transporting the cattle to an undisclosed site to be slaughtered. The police officers were on a routine patrol in the area at the time when they arrested the four men. The suspects and the cattle were taken to the Biyagama police for further investigations.

(a) Underline the most appropriate response in each of the questions from (i) – (v).

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(v). The underlined phrase 'undisclosed site' in the news item ④ most nearly means,

- (1) a safe place (2) an open place
(3) a known place (4) an unknown place

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

In boxes (vi) – (x), write **True**, **False** or **Not Given**.

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

Statements	
(vi)	During the trip, the past teachers visited the Sithulpawwa temple before they had their lunch.
(vii)	The only aim of organizing the past teachers' trip was to set an example to younger generation.
(viii)	All the items distributed among the participants of the medical camp were donated by the past students of Ruwanwella Boys' School.
(ix)	The Elders Home had informed that they were in need of a vehicle.
(x)	The suspects arrested were transporting the cattle using a lorry.

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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)

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