

ශ්‍රී ලංකා විභාග දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව
 Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka

අධ්‍යයන පොදු තත්වික පත්‍ර (උසස් පෙළ) විභාගය, 2021(2022)
 கல்விப் பொதுத் தராதரப் பத்திர (உயர் தர)ப் பரீட்சை, 2021(2022)
 General Certificate of Education (Adv. Level) Examination, 2021(2022)

சாஸ்திர ஓதி	II
மொது ஆங்கிலம்	II
General English	II

13 E II

மூன்று மணித்தியாலம்
Three hours

අමතர் කியවිම කාලம் - මිනිත්තු 10 යි
 மேலதிக வாசிப்பு நேரம் - 10 நிமிடங்கள்
Additional Reading Time - 10 minutes

For Examiners' Use Only

Paper II

Part	Marks
A	
B	
C	
Total	<u>140</u>

Use additional reading time to go through the question paper and decide on the questions that you give priority in answering.

Code Numbers

Marking Examiner	
Marks Checked by	1
	2
Supervised by	

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.

Index No. :

PART A

READING SKILLS [50 marks]

Question 01

Read the following text in which some words are given in bold type. Then, underline the meaning that is most appropriate to the context for the words given in bold type from (1) - (10). (10 marks)

According to a researcher, the most (1) **vulnerable** users of social media are teenagers. "Most teenagers now lack a (2) **proper** social life: their lives are focused on exams. There is (3) **hardly** any communication in their relationships. These individuals are further (4) **secluded** as the new media interactions are one-on-one," said the researcher. "The lack of (5) **awareness** about personal security on cyber platforms was the (6) **cause** for many new media-related problems," says the Information Security Engineer at Sri Lanka Computer Emergency Response Team. "Users should understand that they should be (7) **cautious** when sharing their personal information just like in normal day-to-day social exchanges where we do not share personal information with (8) **strangers**," he further says. Another study revealed that most of the participants publicly (9) **displayed** personal information. Also, a large percentage of users publicly listed their mobile number and email address because they were not very concerned about (10) **safeguarding** their privacy on Facebook.

(1)	vulnerable	confident	insecure	daily	existing
(2)	proper	futile	messy	busy	appropriate
(3)	hardly	barely	sufficiently	actually	apparently
(4)	secluded	connected	distracted	isolated	attached
(5)	awareness	assurance	consistency	transparency	understanding
(6)	cause	result	reason	effect	proof
(7)	cautious	careful	accountable	intelligent	honest
(8)	strangers	evil persons	familiar persons	unknown persons	reputed persons
(9)	displayed	exchanged	collected	appeared	showed
(10)	safeguarding	disclosing	sharing	protecting	prohibiting

**For
examiners' use only**

Q. 1

10

[See page two

Question 02

Read the following text and answer the questions (I) and (II).

(10 marks)

For
examiners'
use only

- ① My name is Anu Karunaratne, and I was born in Sri Lanka to a Sinhalese father and Tamil mother. My father, Saman Karunaratne, was a prominent scientist in Sri Lanka, and my mother was Akila Selvadurai. Although she aspired to be a teacher when she was young, later she had developed an interest in science and ended up as a renowned scientist. Right now, I am 32 years old and pursuing a career in science.
- ② I am fortunate enough to work on a science project in the USA along with some amazing women scientists developing medicine for critical illnesses. From the design of the medicine to the clinical trial team, nearly two-thirds of the researchers working on this project are women.
- ③ I am happy because I continue my family tradition of science careers. As a child growing up in Sri Lanka, I was lucky to have many female role models to follow. I always wanted to be a doctor, and also loved problem-solving and understanding how things work. That is what led me to develop a career in clinical research. I had girl friends who were discouraged from studying science and mathematics at school as they were perceived to be masculine subjects while history and languages were considered to be feminine subjects. Growing up around women with independent careers, it never occurred to me that I could not be a doctor or a scientist because I was a girl.
- ④ The culture of our family was such that working women were always encouraged and appreciated. My husband is also very supportive. He understands when I have to work late. We are equal partners in the house in terms of sharing the childcare and housework. I believe that it is important your family supports you in what you do. I wouldn't have been able to succeed in my work without my family's support.
- ⑤ To me, family, friends, and relaxation are more important than my career. It can be difficult to combine a career with the 'relaxation' and be supported by employers to get this balance right. I believe that equal pay and flexible working patterns are crucial to better support working women.

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

In boxes (1) - (8), write **True** or **False**.

True	If the statement is correct
False	If the statement is wrong

	Statements	
(1)	Both Anu's parents are eminent scientists.	
(2)	Most of the researchers working with Anu on the science project in the USA are men.	
(3)	Anu's curiosity led her to become a scientist.	
(4)	In the past, history and languages were boys' subjects.	
(5)	Anu thought that she could never become a doctor or a scientist as she was a girl.	
(6)	Anu receives her husband's support in household chores.	
(7)	According to Anu, women can succeed at work without family support.	
(8)	Anu values human relationships more than her profession.	

[See page three]

(II) Underline the most appropriate response to complete the following sentences.

- (9) The word 'renowned' in paragraph ① most nearly means
 (a) very clever (b) well-known
 (c) devoted (d) loyal
- (10) Who or what does the pronoun 'they' in paragraph ③ line 6 refer to?
 (a) girl friends (b) family traditions
 (c) women with independent careers (d) science and mathematics

For
examiners'
use only

Q. 2

10

Question 03

Read the following poem and underline the most appropriate response to each of the questions from (1) - (5). (05 marks)

Thankful in lockdown

We all knew 2020 would be unique,
 The days turned into weeks, then months,
 The government repeatedly gave warnings of social distancing,
 And the world sat there listening.
 Today, I am thankful for family,
 But it is not just me, it is all of us internationally,
 Another reason of gratitude is technology,
 and all the scientists who studied biology.
 And the people who right now work hardest of all,
 Are the NHS who stand up tall.
 This is for all the people who have lost their jobs in this pandemic,
 And all those who are diabetic,
 and those who work as paramedics,
 This is for all the people suffering from COVID-19,
 This is for those with bad hygiene,
 This is to make you realize,
 That we should be thankful for those who we miss the most in this time.

(Isha Matharu)

- (1) Which of the adjective is most appropriate to describe the speaker of the poem?
 (a) negative (b) positive
 (c) hopeless (d) hardworking
- (2) According to the speaker, who makes the most significant commitment during the pandemic?
 (a) The government (b) Scientists
 (c) NHS people (d) COVID-19 patients
- (3) The speaker is grateful to
 (a) family and technology.
 (b) the world and its uniqueness.
 (c) the government and its warnings.
 (d) the international community and their hygiene.

[See page four

For
examiners'
use only

- (4) The phrase "But it is not just me" suggests that the speaker is not the only one who
- has lost the job.
 - has bad hygiene.
 - is affected by the situation.
 - violates the health guidelines.
- (5) Which of the following is **not** true according to the poem?
- Biologists tried their best to find a solution to COVID-19.
 - The government warned people to follow health guidelines.
 - Some people have become unemployed due to the pandemic.
 - According to the speaker, 2020 would be another usual year.

Q. 3

5

Question 04

Fill in the blanks using one word from the passage in each space. (05 marks)

According to a survey conducted a few years ago, the students' English language competency is found to be a significant predictor for them to become successful in a Sri Lankan university. The survey has also made several other important observations. First, there are no equally distributed infrastructure facilities to learn English for all students in Sri Lanka. As a result, students who are less competent in English face a number of obstacles when learning and performing at university examinations. Second, students' poor knowledge of English hinders their participation in group discussions, projects and academic presentations. Therefore, the study concludes that it is necessary to identify students who are less competent in English early during the undergraduate period and conduct a formal English training programme for such students for at least a few months prior to entering universities.

A survey has revealed that (1)..... in the English language is an important factor that determines the success of a university student.

According to the (2)..... of the survey, students with poor English language proficiency encounter various (3)..... during their examinations in the university. Also, poor command of the English language (4)..... students' active involvement in some academic activities. Accordingly, the study proposes to select students with poor English knowledge and (5)..... an English course to enhance their English language skills before they enter universities.

Q. 4

5

[See page five]

Question 05

Read the following text and answer the questions from (1) - (4).

The first sentence in paragraph ② has been left out.

(20 marks)

For
examiners'
use only

- ① Child labour is an increasing problem in Sri Lanka. New laws are introduced to protect under-aged children from potential exploitation. Therefore, an amendment to the labour law of 1956 is introduced to add twenty more occupations to the list of work considered dangerous to children. As a result, Sri Lanka regards fifty-one work areas as dangerous for children.
- ② Those surveys reported important findings. The first finding is that many children were in paid and unpaid jobs, helping parents in cultivation and family businesses. Among them, most children work in paid jobs while a minority is in unpaid and dangerous forms of child labour. The second finding shows that these working children had attended school although they worked. Surprisingly, 80% of working children had attended school in 2008 compared with 39% in 2016. The other survey finding indicates a drop in schooling among working children, and it was due to the long wait for G.C.E. Ordinary Level examination results. During this time, children find jobs and lose interest in further studies.
- ③ In addition, the latest survey results reveal the impact of COVID-19 on children. According to them, the continuous lockdowns imposed in the last two years because of the COVID-19 pandemic have had a devastating impact on some families. As a result, parents of low-income families have turned to their children to earn their family income, pushing children to give up education. Also, the non-accessibility to online classes and lack of data coverage in many parts of rural Sri Lanka have frustrated children who then give up education.
- ④ However, specific legal practices have been imposed in Sri Lanka, and they have led to reducing child labour. There is a particular legal age a child can work according to the law. In January 2021, the legal age a child can work was increased from 14 years to 16 years. This extension has reduced the number of children working. In addition, mandatory education up to year 13 in schools has also contributed to the drop in the number of children working.
- ⑤ Ironically, the year 2021 has been declared as "Eradication of Child Labour" by the United Nations (UN). The UN is a forum of around 200 countries. It strives for a world where 'children work on their dreams and not in the fields.' In compliance with the UN resolution, Sri Lanka has set a national committee to identify and address issues related to child labour in the country.

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

In boxes (a) - (f), 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 on this

	Statements	
(a)	The list of dangerous work areas includes construction sites.	
(b)	In 2008, 39% of working children had gone to school.	
(c)	The long wait for Ordinary Level results leads students to drop out of school.	
(d)	During the COVID-19 pandemic, parents of low-income families were compelled to ask their children to work and earn.	
(e)	New law passed in 2021 allows children of age 15 to work.	
(f)	The national committee has proposed several suggestions to address child labour issues in Sri Lanka.	

(06 marks)

[See page six

For
examiners
use only(2). Underline the correct response in each of the following from (a) - (f). (06 marks)

- (a). How many new occupations have been added to the list of dangerous work areas for children?
(i) 14 (ii) 16 (iii) 20 (iv) 51
- (b). What is the most appropriate option to complete the missing sentence in paragraph ②?
(i) Surveys revealed that children are involved in dangerous jobs.
(ii) Surveys have been conducted regarding child labour in Sri Lanka.
(iii) Majority of under-aged working children attend school in Sri Lanka.
(iv) Delay of G.C.E. Ordinary Level examination results has affected children.
- (c). How many survey findings are reported in paragraph ② of the above text?
(i) two (ii) three (iii) four (iv) five
- (d). According to the passage, children give up their education during the COVID-19 pandemic because
(i) There is no proper guidance from parents and teachers.
(ii) New laws allow children from low-income families to work.
(iii) Employers encourage children from low-income families to work.
(iv) Children do not have access to online classes and proper internet connection.
- (e). In which paragraph do you include the following detail?
'The unavailability of an appropriate device at home to attend online classes.'
(i) paragraph ① (ii) paragraph ②
(iii) paragraph ③ (iv) paragraph ④
- (f). Which of the following is the most appropriate title for the text?
(i) Child labour in Sri Lanka
(ii) Impact of COVID-19 on children
(iii) UN role to eradicate child labour
(iv) Introduction to Sri Lankan labour law

(3). Who or what do the following pronouns in **bold print** refer to?

- (a) **they** (paragraph ②) (03 marks)
- (b) **them** (paragraph ③) www.alevelapi.com
- (c) **it** (paragraph ⑤) (03 marks)

(4). Write **one word** in each blank, selecting from the passage, which means the same as the following.

- (a) revision or modification
- (b) participated
- (c) abandon
- (d) compulsory
- (e) complete removal (05 marks)

Q. 5

(1) -

(2) -

(3) -

(4) -

20

PART - A

50

[See page seven]

DIALOGUES [25 MARKS]

PART B

For
examiners'
use only

Question 06

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) There is a cricket match in the school playground today. Suggest to your friend to watch it.

"Let's"

(2) Your mother is busily preparing breakfast in the morning. You are willing to help her.

"May"

(3) The literary association of your school staged a famous drama. Your teacher asks your views about the drama.

"It's"

(4) One of your relatives offers you a cup of tea. You want to refuse it with a reason.

"No,"

(5) You become the district best at the A/L examination. A journalist asks your feelings.

"I"

Q. 6

5

Question 07

Complete the following dialogue between Divyanjali and Dinsara. Do not use more than two sentences/ questions in each blank. (05 marks)

Divyanjali : Good morning.

Dinsara : Good morning, Divyanjali.

Divyanjali : Why didn't you join the online lesson last evening?

Dinsara : (1).....?

Divyanjali : There was a WhatsApp message with the link. Why didn't you check it?

Dinsara : (2).....?

Divyanjali : Oh, I see. Our teacher asked why you weren't there.

Dinsara : Really! I'll call and tell the teacher what happened. Anyway,

(3).....?

Divyanjali : She discussed the third lesson.

Dinsara : (4).....?

Divyanjali : Yes. She asked us to complete the activity one and two for homework.

Dinsara : (5).....?

Divyanjali : No, not yet. When I finish it, I can send you the answers, and then, we can discuss.

Dinsara : Thank you, Divyanjali. That's very kind of you.

Divyanjali : You're welcome.

Q. 7

5

[See page eight]

Question 08

Imagine that you organize a concert, and you have to finalize the agenda of the concert with your friend. Write out the dialogue between your friend and you. Each one should speak at least five times. (15 marks)

For
examiners'
use only

Q. 8

F -

C -

L -

15

PART - B

25

[See page nine]

PART C

For
examiners
use only

WRITING SKILLS [65 marks]

Question 09

Select any five words from the list of nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs given below and use each one of them in a meaningful sentence. You may use the verbs in any tense. Do not change the form of the other words. (05 marks)

Nouns	harmony, definition
Verbs	behave, translate, promote
Adjectives	tough, affordable, crazy
Adverbs	eagerly, kindly

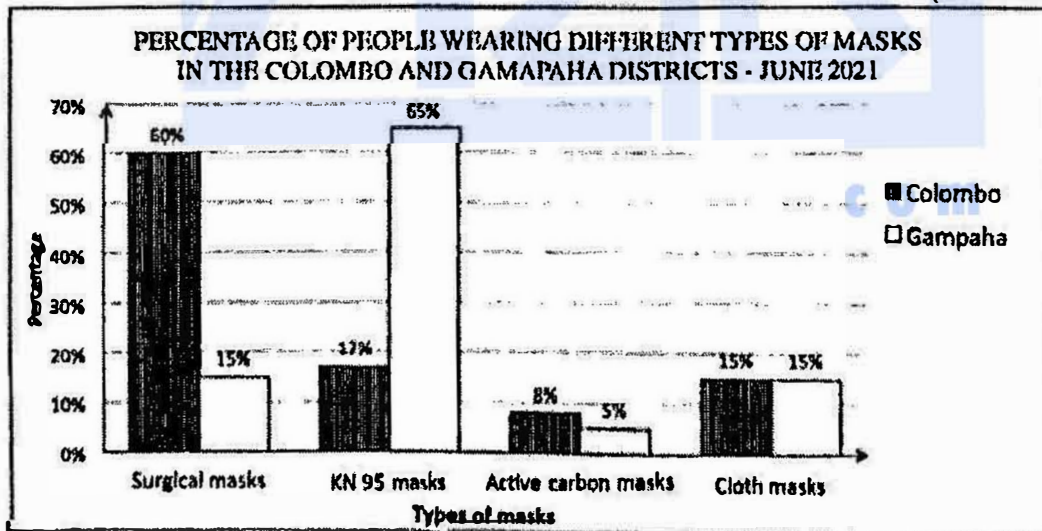
-
-
-
-
-

Q.9

5

Question 10

The bar chart below shows the percentage of people wearing different types of masks in the Colombo and Gampaha districts in June 2021. Describe the information by reporting the main features and making comparisons where relevant. Use about 75 words. (10 marks)



[See page ten

For
examiners'
use only

Q. 10

C -

L -

10

Question 11

Imagine that you plan to go on a trip after the A/L exam, and write an email to your friend describing your plan and inviting him/ her to join you. In your email, include the following:

- When, where and with whom you plan to go.
- What you hope to see/ do during the trip.

You may include any relevant details but do not exceed 75 words.

(15 marks)

From : samarasekara987@gmail.com

To : ktaprabha83@gmail.com

Subject : Hi!

Dear

Q. 11

C -

L -

15

[See page eleven]

for
the
the

Qualifications required :

- Imagine that you have the required qualifications. Write a cover letter, applying for the post. Do NOT write a CV. Use about 75 - 100 words for the body of the letter. Do not exceed the word limit. (15 marks)

www.glevelapi.com

15

[See page twelve

Question 13

Some people think that online learning is better than classroom learning. Others disagree and believe that classroom learning is the best. What is your opinion? Write an essay, giving your views on this. Use about **150-200** words. Do not exceed the word limit . **(20 marks)**

For
examiners'
use only

Alevel
API
www.alevelapi.com

Q. 13

C -

L -

O -

20

PART - C

65
