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Three hours and 10 minutes

- Answer **all** questions **on this paper** itself.
- Marks will be deducted for incorrect punctuation (Omission of full stops, capital letters, etc.) and for mistakes in basic grammar.

Question 01

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)

in	on	at	into	with	for

Ravi was a careless student who spent most of his time (1) _____ the streets (2) _____ his friends. He had no interest (3) _____ his studies and often got (4) _____ trouble at school. One day, he got (5) _____ a serious accident while riding his bicycle recklessly. That incident changed his life completely.

Question 02

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

Sundar Pichai is one of the most successful technology leaders in the world and the CEO of Google. He was born in India and (1) _____ (grow) up in a modest family. From a young age, he (2) _____ (show) great interest in technology and innovation.

After (3) _____ (complete) his schooling, he (4) _____ (receive) a scholarship to study engineering. Later, he (5) _____ (move) to the United States to continue his higher education.

Before (6) _____ (join) Google in 2004, he (7) _____ (work) in different companies where he gained valuable experience. At Google, he (8) _____ (play) a key role in developing products like Chrome and Android.

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Due to his hard work and leadership skills, he (9) _____ (appoint) as the CEO of Google in 2015. Today, he (10) _____ (inspire) millions of young people around the world to achieve their dreams.

Question 03

Underline the most appropriate word from those given brackets to fill (in the blanks in the following text. (2X5=10 marks)

The importance of participating in extra-curricular activities related to the English language is widely recognized today, a) ……. (a, and, the) many students still limit their learning to the classroom. Activities such as debating, drama, and public speaking help learners build confidence and improve communication skills; these are essential for personal and professional success. However, just listening to lessons without active involvement b) …… (reduce, reduces, reducing) opportunities for real-life practice. Students who engage c) …… (in, on, under) such activities develop creativity, teamwork, and leadership skills. These programmes can be d) ……. (either, neither, both) enjoyable and educational, making learning more meaningful. Schools should therefore encourage participation, e) ……... (but, or, nor) ignore the value of such experiences.

Question 04

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

Sarath Gunapala is a Sri Lankan-born scientist who works at NASA. His research has (1) ……. (made / done / created / built) a great impact in the field of space technology. He has (2) …. (developed / grown / increased / risen) advanced infrared detectors used in space missions. These devices help scientists to (3) ……..… (observe / look / see / watch) distant planets and stars. His work has (4) ……. (earned / achieved / gained / won) international recognition. He always (5) …….. (encourages / forces / drives / pushes) young students to study science and technology.

Question 05

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

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1. Succeeding in the A' Level Examination requires not only hard work but also a strong internal voice that encourages and guides you from the beginning of your studies, it is important to build a positive a) motiva…….(-tion, -te, -ting)
2. Motivation drives you towards your goals. focus…….. (-ed, -ing, -s) even during difficult times. This inner strength helps them act.
3. Students who listen to their inner voice often remain confident ……..... (-ly, -le, -ness) in their preparation and decision-making.
4. It also supports better d) perfom ……..... (-ly, -ance, -ing) in examinations.

5. On the other hand, negative thinking can be e) harm…….. (-ful, -less, -ing) and may prevent students from achieving success.

Question 06

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

1. Even if you study hard now, you will not succeed unless you manage your time well.
   a) You will succeed if you study hard.
   b) Time management is not important for success.
   c) You cannot succeed without managing your time properly.
   d) Studying hard is enough to succeed.

2. Since she was determined to face challenges, she chose a difficult course of study.
   a. She avoided difficult courses.
   b. She selected an easy subject.
   c. She chose a difficult course because she was determined.
   d. She did not like challenges

3. The student failed to plan his work; however, he decided to improve his time management.
   a) The student planned his work well and succeeded.
   b) The student did not plan his work, but he decided to improve.
   c) The student planned his work and did not change anything.
   d) The student gave up his studies completely.

4. Nimal, who is dedicated to his studies, spends extra time on smart learning methods.
   a) Nimal does not study seriously.
   b) Nimal only studies during school hours.
   c) Nimal uses extra time and smart methods for learning.
   d) Nimal avoids learning new methods.

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5. She would have achieved her goals if she had made more sacrifices.
   a) She achieved her goals.
   b) She did not achieve her goals.
   c) She made many sacrifices and succeeded.
   d) She will achieve her goals in the future

Question 7

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

1

Rise in drug addiction among youth
Health authorities have raised concerns about the increasing number of young people becoming addicted to drugs in Sri Lanka. According to recent reports, many teenagers are being influenced by peer pressure and social media. The Ministry of Health stated on Monday, 10th February, that new awareness programmes will be introduced in schools to educate students about the dangers of drug use. Officials also emphasized the importance of parental guidance in preventing addiction.

2

New scheme for A/L students to study abroad
The Ministry of Education has introduced a new scheme to help Advanced Level students apply to foreign universities. The programme, launched on Wednesday, 5th March, provides guidance on selecting suitable courses and universities. Students will also receive training on language skills and scholarship applications. Officials stated that this initiative aims to expand higher education opportunities for Sri Lankan students.

3

Scientist from Jaffna gains international recognition
Ravindra Kumar, a young scientist from Jaffna, has gained international recognition for his research in renewable energy. His innovative work focuses on developing low-cost solar power solutions for rural communities. He presented his findings at an international conference held in Singapore last week. Experts praised his contribution as a significant step toward sustainable energy development.

4

Elephants killed due to human-wildlife conflict

Wildlife officials reported that several elephants were killed after breaking electric fences in farming areas in the North Central Province. Farmers claimed that the animals destroyed crops, leading to severe losses. The Department of Wildlife Conservation stated that new measures will be introduced to prevent such incidents. Environmentalists stressed the need for better solutions to reduce the conflict between humans and wildlife.

(I) Underline the most appropriate response.

1. Why will new awareness programmes be introduced in schools?

   a) To punish students
   b) To reduce drug addiction
   c) To improve sports
   d) To promote social media

2. When was the new scheme for A/L students launched?

   a) 10th February
   b) 5th March
   c) Last week
   d) Monday

3. What does the pronoun "his" in the third news item refer to?

a) The minister
b) The scientist
c) The expert
d) The student

4. Which of the following was NOT mentioned about the foreign university scheme?

a) Language training
b) Scholarship guidance
c) Free air tickets
d) Course selection guidance

5. The phrase "human-wildlife conflict" most nearly means:

a) Friendly relationship between humans and animals
b) Cooperation between farmers and wildlife
c) Problems between humans and wild animals
d) Protection of wildlife

II

Do the following statements agree with the information give in the above news items?

In boxes (6) - (10), 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		
6	Drug addiction among youth is decreasing in Sri Lanka.	
7	The new scheme helps students with scholarship applications.	
8	The scientist presented his research in Sri Lanka.	
9	Farmers suffered losses due to elephants destroying crops.	
10	All elephants involved in the incidents were captured safely	

Question 08

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)**

Mother Teresa was a Catholic nun who **devoted** her life to serving the poor and the sick. Born in Macedonia, she later moved to India and **founded** the Missionaries of Charity. Her mission was to care for the **destitute**, the abandoned, and the dying. Through her **compassionate** service, she gained international **recognition** and received the Nobel Peace Prize. Despite facing **numerous** hardships, she remained **steadfast** in her commitment to humanity. Her work **inspired** volunteers across the world and established homes, hospitals, and orphanages in many countries. Mother Teresa's **legacy** continues to influence people to act with kindness, humility, and selfless **dedication.**

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1.	**devoted**	neglected	dedicated	avoided	limited
2.	**founded**	destroyed	established	imagined	divided
3.	**destitute**	wealthy	powerful	extremely poor	educated
4.	**compassionate**	careless	sympathetic	strict	fearful
5.	**recognition**	punishment	criticism	acknowledgement	rejection
6.	**numerous**	few	many	rare	equal
7.	**steadfast**	doubtful	unfaithful	firm	angry
8.	**inspired**	discouraged	motivated	confused	forced
9.	**legacy**	failure	inheritance	memory	reward
10.	**dedication**	carelessness	commitment	weakness	hesitation

Question 09

Complete the blanks of the summary meaningfully and appropriately, using **one word only** from the passage titled 'Friendship'. **(05 marks)**

Friendship

Spiritual Emptiness in Modern Society

In the modern world, many people neglect values and instead worship money as the ultimate power. Respect is no longer earned through character but measured through wealth. This money-minded attitude has created a spiritual emptiness that weakens mutual understanding among individuals. Capitalism, driven by greed, often encourages people to cheat the innocent for personal gain. As a result, humanity gradually loses its compassion and moral strength. Mutual respect declines, and relationships become transactional rather than meaningful.

When people ignore ethical principles, they slowly transform into inhuman beings lacking empathy. If this continues, the irony of the future may be that animals display more human qualities than humans themselves. Society must therefore rediscover values, restore integrity, and rebuild genuine respect in order to preserve true humanity.

Modern society neglects (1) ……. and values money as the ultimate power. Respect is measured by (2) ……..…… rather than character. This attitude creates spiritual (3) ……..… that weakens mutual understanding. Driven by greed and capitalism, people may (4) ……..…… the innocent for personal gain. If moral principles are ignored, humans may become (5) ……..……., losing their compassion and true humanity.

Question 10

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)
Achieving good results in the final examination requires careful planning and dedication. .....

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Question 11

Imagine that you intend to enroll in an IT course. You contact the academy over the phone. Write out the telephone conversation that takes place between you and the course coordinator. Each speaker should speak **at least five times**. (10 marks)

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Question 12

Some people believe that cinema should be limited for youngsters. Others think that cinema is a good form of entertainment and should not be restricted for young people. (15 marks)

Discuss both views and give your opinion.
Write about **200 words**. Do not exceed the word limit.

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