Important:
* Answer all questions on this paper itself.

Test 1
Fill in the blanks of the following advertisements using the letter of the correct word given in the box. The first one is done for you.

Wanted (1) .............. to (2) .............. houses
in the Northern (3) .............. .
T.P. – 0112781523

(a) build
(b) province
(c) masons
(d) bricks

(4) .............. cars to travel through the
(5) .............. . Reasonable (6) .............. .
Quick cabs – 0813146151

(a) charges
(b) tour
(c) new
(d) island

Four bedroom (7) .............. in the heart of the
(8) .............. to rent or (9) .............. .
T.P. – 0774521361

(a) town
(b) lease
(c) garden
(d) house

For all your (10) .............. visit us. (11) ..............
prices. Limited stocks available.
Sanduni Book Shop – Seeduwa

(a) stationery
(b) provisions
(c) cheap

Test 2
A new teacher has come to your school. He introduces himself to your class.

I am Ranjith Iddamalgoda. I am from Matale. I am thirty two years old. I come to school by motorbike. I read books and listen to music when I am free.

You are the monitor of your class. Write a similar passage about yourself replacing the underlined words.

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(½ × 10 = 5 marks)
Test 3

Read the following dialogue. Select the missing utterances from the box and fill in the blanks. The first one is done for you.

Thank you
I was looking for you everywhere.
Where shall we meet
Would you like to join me
Shall we watch the afternoon movie
I’ll look after you

Keshan : Hey! Where were you all this time?
Sachin : I was thinking of something to do tomorrow.
Keshan : That’s a good idea. What’s the movie?
Sachin : There’s ‘Half Blood Prince’ at Galaxy.
Keshan : Yes of course. Let’s meet at the bus stand at 2.00 p.m.
Sachin : All right. I’m little short of money these days.
Keshan : Don’t worry. I’ll buy something for us to drink.

Test 4

Read the following texts (A, B, C and D). Find required information from them and write the relevant letter in the spaces provided below. One is done for you.

Text A
Thilina Institute
Urgently needs
Experienced Teachers
Good Pay
Week days
Morning only
Contact:
Dilini Gunawardena
P.O. Box 2975
Gampaha

Text B
Name : Sanduni Attanayake
Date of Birth : 30.06.1986
Address : 334, Suhada Mawatha, Gampaha
Previous Employment:
2006 - 2007
Teacher
Oshadi College
2008 -
Teacher
Sun Academy
Dear Ms. Attanayake,
Thank you for your CV. I would like to invite you for an interview on 30th November at 3 p.m. I look forward to seeing you.

Dilini Gunawardena

Dear Ravi,
My interview with Thilina Institute was fine. They offered me the job. The salary is Rs. 25000/= We start at 8.00 a.m. It's good because I can come home in the evening.

Sanduni

(1) An urgent need for teachers ........................................
(2) Whom to contact .......................................................
(3) The amount Sanduni is going to get ............................
(4) The date of the interview ...........................................
(5) The time Sanduni starts work .....................................
(6) The information about Sanduni’s experience ..................

(1 × 5 = 5 marks)

Test 5
Read the notice and answer the questions.

Lost !!!
Please help!
a white Pomeranian puppy
missing since Friday 10th July 2011
answers to name - Tina
finder rewarded.

Contact - Miss Dulakshi Perera
Navam Mawatha,
Circular Road,
Ampitiya.
081-2264591

(1) Underline the correct answer.
The notice is about
a. a little cat
b. a small rabbit
c. a small dog

(2) When was it lost?
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(3) Write the name of the puppy.
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(4) If the puppy is found who will you contact?
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(5) What will you get if you take it to the owner?
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(1 × 5 = 5 marks)
Test 6
Write a paragraph on one of the following. Use about 50 words.

(a) The person I like most.
(b) A trip you recently went on.

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Test 7
Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

Two men who lived in a remote village decided one day to take a trip to the city by train. They had to leave their village and get in a bus to the nearest town to catch a train to the city. It was a big adventure for them as they had never travelled by train.

Before going to the railway station, they had some tea and bought a banana each to eat during the journey. They got in the train and they had to go through many tunnels on their way. The train began to move fast.

One of the men took his banana and started eating it. As he took a bite, the train entered a tunnel.

“Have you eaten your banana yet?” he asked his friend.

“No”, was the reply.

“Well, don’t,” said the man. “This is a strange banana. I took one bite and went blind.”

(1) Underline the correct answer.
The two men wanted to travel

a. by bus
b. by car
c. by train

(2) How did they travel to the nearest town?

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(3) What was the fruit they bought?

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(4) Where did they want to eat the fruit?

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(5) What made the man think that he had gone blind?

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(1 × 5 = 5 marks)
Test 8

Write a short letter to the sponsor who provided funds for the English Camp held recently in your school. State that the event was a success and thank him/her for the certificates and the awards. Use 50 words.

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** *(5 marks)*
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Test 9
Underline the most suitable word for the blank in brackets. The first one is done for you.

Hundred years ago, (1).......................... (familiar, familiarize, families) were larger, working hours were longer and income (2).......................... (low, lower, lowest). Most fathers were in full time (3).......................... (employed, employ, employment) but there were little for women and those who helped in washing or sewing felt a sense of (4).......................... (shameless, shame, shameful). Most people lived in their own property without bathrooms, indoor toilets, electricity (5).......................... (or, nor, as) hot water. But, you could leave your home unlocked and see (6).......................... (everyone, everybody, everything) is safe on your return.

(1 × 5 = 5 marks)

Test 10
Read the following passage. In each line one word is incorrect and it is underlined. Write the correct word in the space provided. The first one is done for you.

Millions of years ago the elephant order was very large; there was many types, both large, small, and even some with four tusks. Today the order is reduce to only two species, the African and Indian elephants. Elephants are the large of all landing animals. The African bush elephant is the greatest in size, with males growing up to 3.5 meters tall and weigh up to six tons. Elephants have just one enormous ridged molar (cheek tooth) in each half of the jaw, which is use for crushing food. When a molar wears up, it is replaced with another one from behind it. An elephant is mature at 15 years and usually die at the age of 60. A cow elephant produces one offspring every two years. The elephant’s trunk is a elongated nose. The elephant drinks by sucking up water with it’s trunk. Although elephants has poor eyesight, they have a keen sense of smell. If they move their trunks from side to side or raise them they are smelling out their surroundings.

(½ × 10 = 5 marks)
Test 11

Mr. Sunil Perera was driving his car to the office. A Police Officer stopped him and asked some questions from him. Write the questions that the police officer asked Mr. Sunil. You can begin the questions from the words given in the box. The first one is done for you.

when, where, how long, who, what

PO. : Good morning!
Sunil : Good morning! I wasn’t driving too fast, was I?
PO. : Not really. May I have your driving licence and ask a few questions?
Sunil : Yes, certainly. Here you are.
PO. : (1) ....................................................................
Sunil : I am going to my office.
PO. : (2) ....................................................................
Sunil : I left home half an hour ago.
PO. : (3) ....................................................................
Sunil : Well, I am the owner of the car.
PO. : (4) ....................................................................
Sunil : I have had this car for three years.
PO : (5) .....................................................................
Sunil : I have my office bag and lunch in the car. Mm.... Sorry, I have my laptop too in the back.
PO : (6) .....................................................................
Sunil : I work in the education office. Why what’s the problem?
PO : Last night a car has been stolen in the town. We are having a check up. Here is your licence.
Thank you for your cooperation.
Sunil : You are welcome. Good bye!

(1 × 5 = 5 marks)
Test 12

Study the following dictionary page and fill in the blanks with suitable words.

sanctity • n. (pl. sanctities) 1 holiness. 2 the state of being very important and worthy of great respect: the sanctity of human life. • origin Old French sanctite.

sanctuary • n. (pl. sanctuaries) 1 a place of safety. 2 a nature reserve. 3 a place where injured or unwanted animals are cared for. 4 a holy place. 5 the part of the chancel of a church containing the high altar. • origin Latin sanctuarium.

sanctum /sangk-tuhm/ • n. (pl. sanctums) 1 a sacred place. 2 a private place. • origin Latin.

sand • n. 1 a substance formed of very fine particles resulting from the erosion of rocks, found in beaches, river beds, the seabed, and deserts. 2 (sands) a wide area of sand. • v. 1 smooth with sandpaper or a sander. 2 sprinkle with sand. • origin Old English.

sandal • n. a shoe with a partly open upper part or straps attaching the sole to the foot. • origin Greek sandalón ‘wooden shoe’.

sandalwood • n. the sweet-smelling wood of an Indian or SE Asian tree. • origin sandal from Latin sandalum.

sandbag • n. a bag of sand, used for protection against floods or explosions. • v. (sandbags, sandbagging, sandbagged) protect with sandbags.

sandbank • n. a build-up of sand forming a raised bank in the sea or a river.

sandbar • n. a long, narrow sandbank.

sandblast • v. roughen or clean with a jet of sand driven by compressed air or steam.

sandboy • n. (in phr. as happy as a sandboy) extremely happy or carefree. • origin prob. first referring to a boy going around selling sand.

sandcastle • n. a model of a castle built out of sand.

sander • n. a power tool used for smoothing a surface.

sandman • n. (the sandman) an imaginary man supposed to make children sleep by sprinkling sand in their eyes.

sandpaper • n. paper with sand or another rough substance stuck to it, used for smoothing surfaces. • v. (sandpapers, sandpapering, sandpapered) smooth with sandpaper.

sandpiper • n. a wading bird with a long bill and long legs, found in coastal areas.

sandpit • n. Brit. a shallow box or hollow containing sand, for children to play in.

sandstone • n. rock formed of sand or quartz grains tightly pressed together.

sandstorm • n. a strong wind in a desert carrying clouds of sand.

sandwich • n. 1 two pieces of bread with a filling between them. 2 Brit. a sponge cake of two or more layers with jam or cream between them. • v. 1 (sandwich between) insert between (two people or things). 2 (sandwich together) join (two things) by putting something between them. • origin named after the 4th Earl of Sandwich.

sandwich board • n. a pair of advertisement boards connected by straps by which they are hung over a person’s shoulders.

(1) A snack made of bread is a ....................................

(2) ..................................... is a common tree in South Asia.

(3) Animals move about freely without any danger in a....................................

(4) ..................................... is used to smooth wood before polishing.

(5) A footwear with straps is called a ....................................

(1 × 5 = 5 marks)

Test 13

Fill in the blanks using the words given in the box. The first one is done for you.

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The forest plays a significant role in the weather and climate of a country. The fertility of its soil (1)........................ dependent on the rivers, which (2)........................ down from the hill country (3)........................ the plains, watering the fields, (4)........................ light and power for industries. (5)........................ must protect the rivers by (6)........................ cutting down trees in the (7)........................ areas. Forests protect the moisture (8)........................ the soil, the shade and (9)........................ soil layers. If trees are (10)........................ down rivers will run dry (11)........................ a severe drought.

As a (12)........................ of human activities, the environment (13)........................ polluted. Water is polluted (14)........................ washing, bathing and with the (15)........................ of all kinds of waste matter. Air too is polluted by the smoke emitted by vehicles and factories.

(½ × 14 = 7 marks)
Test 14

Write a letter to a friend who recently joined your school from a distant area. He/She wants to stay with you and you obtained permission from your parents to let him/her stay after the school vacation.

Include
- Facilities you can provide
- What he/she needs to bring
- How you would spend the time

or

You are the secretary of the welfare society of your school. Due to frequent power cuts in your area functioning of the school activities have been interrupted.

Write a letter of complaint to the Ceylon Electricity Board.

Include
- the damage caused to valuable equipment.
- waste of school time.
- the difficulties you had to face.
Test 15

Read the following text and answer the questions given below it.

Once upon a time, a boy who was called Binara lived in a small town which was a long distance from the sea. Binara read a lot of books about ships and their voyages to distant countries, and he always imagined himself in each of them.

When he was twenty, he decided that he wanted to become an officer in the Sri Lanka Navy, so he went to a place which trained young men for these jobs. There Binara enjoyed the lessons very much, especially the ones on a ship. He was also glad to do a lot of sports and exercises, and by far was the best as he had excelled at sports in his school. One day one of the teachers informed the new students that it was time for them to begin having swimming and diving lessons.

Binara arrived at the pool the next morning with the other students. He was looking forward to learning to swim.

The teacher arrived a minute later, and commanded those who could not swim to go into one group, those who could swim but not dive properly to go into a second group, and those who could both swim and dive well to go into a third one. Binara went into the second group. The teacher then told the students in the second group to go down the steps into the swimming pool one by one and swim to the other end. The first two obeyed, and neither of them had any trouble in swimming to the other end. Binara was the third in the line. He climbed down the steps, but as soon as he began to swim, he sank under the water.

When he did not come up again, the alarmed teacher jumped in and dragged him out while the other students cheered. Then the teacher said to Binara “Why ever didn’t you join the group that can’t swim?”

“Because I’d never even bathed in a pool before.” He answered, “I didn’t know whether I could swim or not.”

1. Say whether the following statements are true or false by writing ‘T’ or ‘F’ against each of them.

(i) Binara lived in a village closer to the sea. (..............................)
(ii) He had travelled to many distant countries by sea. (..............................)
(iii) He trained young men in the Navy. (..............................)
(iv) He was twenty years old when he joined the Navy. (..............................)

2. Which lessons did he enjoy most?
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3. What was the group Binara joined at the swimming pool?
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4. Write the phrase which says Binara was a good athlete in his school.
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5. Find words from the passage which have the same meaning for the following.

(i) pulled along forcefully .........................................
(ii) shouted for joy .........................................

(8 marks)
Test 16

Write on one of the following topics. Use about 200 words.

(a) - A speech to be made at the assembly on the responsibility of school children in preventing the dengue menace.

(b) - ‘Mobile Phone’, an essential companion in Life.

(c) - Write an article to a newspaper about ‘A disaster in my village’.

(d) - Complete the following story.

*Once I was in a bus to get home after school. A young lady gave me a bag. I kept it on my lap.*