PART 09

Read the following text. Underline the most suitable word to fill in the blank.
*The first one is done for you.*

Rasika had the problem of getting up late in the morning and he was always late to work. His boss was (0) ________ (happy, angry, hungry) with him and threatened to (1) ________ (fire, promote, pass) him if he don’t do something about it. So Rasika went to his doctor who gave him some (2) ________ (books, medicine, money) and told him to take before he went to bed. That night Rasika (3) ________ (kept, slept, acted) well and got up two hours early in the morning. He had a leisurely (4) ________ (breakfast, lunch, dinner) and drove cheerfully to (5) ________ (home, office, room). He told his boss “Sir the medicine actually worked” “Fine, but where were you yesterday?” the boss asked.

PART 10

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

Dear Ravi,

0 How are you? I hopes you are well.  
(____ hope____)

1 I haven’t write to you for so long.  
(______________)

2 I were very busy getting ready to go  
(______________)

3 Colombo for a pre-school course. I am stay  
(______________)

4 with a family in the moment; but my parents  
(______________)

5 wants to find a hostel for me. My course  
(______________)

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A cyclone is a severe storm with strong winds. It generally occurs during the (0) __________ (rain) season. Coastal regions are more prone to cyclones. Cyclone warnings are (1) __________ (broadcast) to alert people about an (2) __________ (approach) storm, which can take at least a couple of days to hit the coast. Cyclone (3) __________ (cause) heavy rains and strong winds. This causes flooding in coastal regions. Strong winds uproot trees and break telephone and power lines. Flood waters submerge fields, damage houses and bridges.

Once a cyclone warning is received, you should turn off gas and power connections before (4) __________ (leave) the house. You should move into a relief camp if you are asked. If possible take some dry rations with you. You should avoid flood waters and keep away from (5) __________ (electrical) poles and broken power lines after a cyclone.
PART 12

Read the description of some books given below. Which of the following people from A – F would buy those books. Write a NUMBER in the box provided. One is one for you.

1. Sunimal wants to learn to drive quickly because he is migrating to Australia.
2. Ranjith is a mechanic. He wants to learn more about his job.
3. Dharaka wants to keep inside of her car tidy and shiny.
4. Vithy is looking for a brand new car since his old car is giving too much trouble.
5. Ahamad is interested in talking to some new friends generally about cars.
6. Ravi wants a new car but he doesn’t have enough money.

**Know more about Nissan**
The book gives detailed information about repairing. Suitable for someone who already in the field.

**Car loans**
This book gives a lot of useful information about getting car loans from banks. Learn about the new bank loans with low interest.

**Easy and Quick**
This book gives tips to learn to drive quickly. Especially good for those who wants to learn alone.

**Sri Lanka Drivers Club**
Do you drive your own car? This book gives information about regional car clubs. Find your club and find new friends who love to drive.

**Car Lovers Paradise**
Are you someone who doesn't want to drive used cars? Then this magazine is for you. Gives prices of the most modern cars from Toyota to Benz.

**Interior Info**
This magazine is about your car maintenance. Gives useful tips about keeping the interior looking always new.
**Part 13**

Complete the following passage from the words in the box. The first one is done for you.

- Visit
- Breakfast
- famous
- very late
- gets up
- his

Kamal is a writer. He writes for the Sunday Observer. He usually *(0) Gets up* at 6.30 every morning and has a bath around seven. He eats his *(1) ___________* at eight. He lives in Dehiwala and he drives *(2) ___________* car to work. It takes about an hour for him to drive to his office in Colombo Fort. Last night he had an interview with a minister and came home *(3) ___________* Therefore, he got up very late today and he is not going to work. It is now nine o’clock and he is having a late breakfast. Later this evening he is going to *(4) ___________* a friend who is also a journalist. They are going to have dinner in a *(5) ___________* restaurant in Colombo.

**Part 14**

You are the secretary of the Readers Club in your school. Write a letter to the president of your Past Pupils association requesting them to renovate the school library. Include the following information in your letter.

a. Give reasons for the repair
b. Say how the students can benefit from this work
c. Mention when you want the work done
d. Say how much it would cost

(Use not less than 150 words.)

**OR**

Write a letter to your friend who studied with you in grade 5. Invite him to meet you after the G.C.E (O/L) examination. Include the following;

a. Mention how well you did the exam.
b. Suggest a place, date and time for the meeting.
c. Say what you can do together.

(Use not less than 150 words.)
PART 15

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

Tiya had to leave for home before it got dark, because mother was waiting for him to bring a pot of drinking water from the well at the foot of Pidurangala. The water in this well was so clean and sweet unlike the water found in the wells of their village and in most other villages which was brackish. It had been a habit started by his brother when he worked at Sighiri before Tiya took over from him. In the morning he would bring the empty pot and leave it under a tree near the well and on the way back in the evening he would have his bath at the well just below the temple building, fill the pot with water from the well and carry it home, together with the share of anything he had received as payment for his services as a tour guide that day. His grandma Bohodevi has explained to him that the water is so pure probably because of the Kumbuk tree growing beside the well and he knew that his grandma was right.

Tiya walked along the footpath leading to the village. He had to be very alert, for this is the time for the elephants would be coming out. He could hear one of them close by, breaking a branch off a tree, and there could be others around.

As he came in sight of village, which was on a small hillock overlooking their paddy fields, Tiya could hear children playing and see the smoke curling up towards the sky from a few houses, as the women cooked the evening meal. He wondered what mother had prepared that day, as he was feeling hungry after the bath. Mother wanted him to take his father’s meal to him at the quarry, as he was working through the night, and Tiya got mother to wrap his meal too at the same time, so he could have his dinner with his father and then watch him at work.

Tiya had to hurry and walk fast, to reach the work place before it got very dark. Long before he reached the place he could hear the regular rhythmic beat of iron on stone, as the craftsmen chipped the stone to carve and mould it the way they wanted. In their hands the stone was like clay, but it was much more difficult and painstaking, as the craftsmen had no room for any mistakes. Tiya went close to his father and stood by his side for he did want to distract him from what he was doing.
1) What did mother expect Tiya to bring home? ____________________________  

2) What was Tiya’s brother before Tiya took over from him? ____________________  

3) Write two words that describe the water in the well near Pidurangala.  
   (i) ______________________  
   (ii) ______________________  

4) Underline the correct answer?  
   As Tiya walked along the footpath he could hear  
   (a) Children playing   (b) elephants moving   (c) craftsmen working  

5) Where did Tiya’s father work ____________________________  

6) Why did Tiya get his mother to wrap his meal too? Write two reasons.  
   (i) ____________________________  
   (ii) ____________________________  

7) What do the following refer to?  
   Others (in paragraph 2 line 3) ____________________________  
   He (in paragraph 3 line 5) ____________________________  

(1 mark)  

(1 mark)  

(2 marks)  

(1 mark)  

(2 marks)  

(2 marks)
PART 16

Write an essay on ONE of the following. *Use about 200 words.*

1. The value of reading for a successful future. You can include the following if you like.
   a. Academic benefits of reading
   b. How it can help you to relax your mind
   c. Where you can find good books to read.

2. Write an article to your school magazine about an education TV talent show programme you enjoyed watching. Use the ideas given below.
   a. When and where you watched the programme
   b. Who did you watch it film with
   c. The story in brief
   d. What did you enjoy watching? Was it the music, the participant, the judgment etc....