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English Language I, II Time:- 03 hours

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Part I

- Answer all questions.

(01). Complete each sentence with the correct collective noun.

Flock, swarm, school, bunch, Colony

- i. For Halloween, I blew up so purple balloons, attached them to my clothes, and walked around as aof grapes.
- ii. We watched in awe as a.....of bees moved as one from a tree to the old barn.
- iii. A beautiful and elegant Of whales moved gracefully through the water as we passed by on our sailboat.
- iv. As we picnicked by the lake, aof geese came over to us.
- v. While diving in the ocean, I came upon a largeof oysters

(05 marks)

(02). Read the dialogue and fill in the blanks using the words in the box .The first one is done for you.

Towards, round, off, beyond, in, around

- i. A : Look (1) around The Scenery is magnificent.
- ii. B : Wow ,Let’s walk (2).....the streamlet.
- iii. A : Sigiriya is 115 miles (3)Colombo.
- iv. B : Can We reach there (4)five hours.
- v. A : We can’t go (5)this old bridge.
- vi. B : Then we have to drive (6).....the lake.

(05 marks)

(03). Study the picture given below. Fill in the blanks in the paragraph using the words given in the box. Write the letter of the correct word in the blank. The first one is done for you.



This is a 1.b.....of a morning in a 2. village. A 3. and a gentleman 4..... going to work. A 5. is going to his 6. field. He has a 7. on his 8. We can see a 9. far away in the field. A 10. of birds can be seen flying in the sky. We can see the 11..... rising over the mountain. It seems to be a calm and beautiful morning.

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| a. Remote | b. picture | c. farmer | d. hoe | e. are | f. paddy |
| g. flock | h. house | i. sun | j. shoulder | k. lady | |

(05 marks)

(04). Read the chart and match the sentence parts given below by writing the correct letter in the box. The first one is done for you.

	Name of the students	Things done at weekends
01	Kosala	Going to cinema
02	Prabath	Reading story books
03	Pahan	Going to the airport with father.
04	Akram	Celebrating Ramazan
05	Semini	Writing a poem
06	Dayan	Practising a speech.

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| I. Kosala watched | C | (a) interested in literature |
| II. Akram went to the mosque | | (b) receive his brother on his arrival to SL |
| III. Prabath could | | (c) a movie based on Shakespeare's 'Othello' |
| IV. Pahan wanted to | | (d) to engage in religious observances. |
| V. Semini is | | (e) to take part in a speaking contest . |
| VI. Dayan has to | | (f) find some information for her social study assignment |

(05 marks)

(02)

(05). Read the following conversation and fill in the blanks in the summary given below.

- George : Excuse me.
- Booking officer : yes, can I help you?
- George : Could you tell me what time the next train to Badulla is?
- Booking officer : It is behind the schedule today? It is arriving at 10.45
- George : How far is it from here to Badulla?
- Booking officer : It is 200 km and this train will reach Badulla at 8.15 p.m in the evening.
- George : Thank you and how much is a second class ticket please?
- Booking officer : It's thousands rupees.
- George : Here you are .one second class ticket please.
- Booking officer : Thank you.

George is a foreigner who wants to go to Badulla by train. The train istoday. There arekilometers to Badulla and the train reaches there atin the evening . He wants aticket and has to payit.

(05 marks)

(06). Read the following e-mail and write a reply.

from	nethula612@gmail.com
To	mpdesilva@gmail .com
subject	
compose	
<p>Dear mother and father, I hope you're keeping well. We arrived in China safely and now we're in Wuhan. It is a very big city .This is a very clean city with lots of tall buildings. It's very cold here .The people are very hospitable but I don't like food much .I always remember the delicious meals you prepared for me .I'll be back within 10 days .</p> <p>Love Sudesh</p>	

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(07). Read the passage and answer the questions.

An old man lived in a village. He was the most unfortunate person in the world. The whole village was tired of him; he was always gloomy, he constantly complained and was always in a bad mood.

The longer he lived, the more bile he was becoming and more poisonous were his words. People avoided him, because his misfortune became contagious. It was even unnatural and insulting to be happy next to him. He created the feeling of unhappiness in others.

But one day, when he turned eighty years old, an incredible thing happened. Instantly everyone started hearing the rumour; “the old man is happy today, he doesn’t complain about anything, smiles and even his face is freshened up.” The whole village gathered together and the old man was asked, what happened to you?

“Nothing especial, Eighty years I have been chasing happiness, and it was useless. And then I decided to live without happiness, and just enjoy life. That’s why I am happy now.”

1. Who is the most unfortunate person in the world?

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2. What was more poisonous?

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3. When did he change?.....

4. He has been running after 1. Money 2.Happiness 3. Love and affection

5. Write antonyms for the following words

1. Not natural

2. Can’t believe..... (05 marks)

(08). Write a short paragraph on **one** of the following topics use 50-60 words.

I. An interesting book I read recently.

Or

II. The Internet –the fastest source of information

(06 marks)

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(09). Complete the paragraph selecting a word from the words given within brackets.

A patient of room 55 of the Asha Hospitals , Colombo , needs an “ O negative ” kidney (1) (Immediate/immediately/ immediacy). Doctors say that if the kidney (2).....(transplanted/transplantation/transplant)is not done within two months, the (3)..... (condition/conditioning/conditioned) of the patient will be critical. (4).....(Donate/ Donated/ Donors)with the same blood group are kindly requested to (5)(contacting/contacted/contact) the Asha Hospital Management, Colombo.

(05 marks)

(10). The following Sentences are taken from a paragraph written by a student. There is a mistake in each sentence. Rewrite the sentences by correcting the mistakes .The first one is done for you.

1. The internet have become a major source of information.

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2. The new corona virus (covid-19) outbreak will made a significant impact on Sri Lanka’s economy.

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3. A competitive exam system will be introduce for all grades.

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4. Online transactions is done by businessmen and customers.

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5. Some are extreme addicted to social media like face book.

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6. Everyone can use the internet useful.

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7. The Internet has it’s negative effects too.

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8. Polythene bag have been thrown away carelessly.

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9. We have worked very hardly.

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10. We hold the competition annual.

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(10 marks)

(05)

(11). Read the description on “Veddah People in Sri Lanka” and answer the questions.

Veddah People in Sri Lanka

The Veddah people in Sri Lanka or “Wanniale Aththo” as they call themselves are the aborigines who have been living in small groups in the northern part of the country. They usually inhabit in thick jungles away from human settlements for centuries, they have been confined to an isolated community having an identity of their own. Research has revealed that Veddah people cannot be taken as nomads as they have always preferred a settled life looking after their needs by themselves in a very simple manner.

It is quite evident that they are highly motivated by nature so that they used to refuse the urban development and modern type of living. Instead, they intend to continue with their hunting type of life style armed with some particular equipment that are designed by themselves.

Veddah people in Sri Lanka normally pose with their half - naked body dressed in a piece of cloth like a lion cloth in ancient times, however ,they used to wear branches of trees .The male Veddahs often appear with the bow and arrow and axe hanging on their shoulder. They have long hair and thickly grown beard so that they always appear as “real jungle men” They used to stand as hunters who mainly depended on small animals which they hunted down with their bow and arrows and they always prove that they were talented marksman. Apart from venison, they used to grow dry grain mainly kurakkan or millet and vegetables. They were also experts in collecting bee-honey.

They have promoted their own culture patterns for centuries. They usually worship the nature forces extending their faith towards the sun, fire, huge rock etc. They possess their own language for songs ,dances and lullabies .Originally ,they used to find caves and rock shelters as their abode but now small green houses are built making use of the materials that could be easily found within their own environment. The male Veddahs vacate the homes during most part of the day while females remain at home with their kids. Women, of course cover their body mainly with cloth and a jacket.

1. The following sentences are about the Veddah people in Sri Lanka. Read them and categorize them under the sub topics.

Sub Topics

- a) The original pose Veddhas
- b) dwellings
- c) faiths and culture
- d) foods

- 1. Latter they used to put up huts made out natural materials. (.....)
- 2. Originally, Veddah people used to wear branches of trees. (.....)
- 3. They grow dry grains and vegetables. In addition, they hunt down small animals.(.....)
- 4. They used to worship the nature force such as the sun, the rocks and fire. (.....)

1. Why can't Veddah People be considered as “nomads”?

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2. Why are they not in favor of a modern type of living?

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3. Pick out the sentence which talks about the early abodes of Veddah people

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4. In their normal set up of their life, what is the role of male Veddahs?

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5. Pick out similar words from the passage for the following
- a) The place where someone lives.....
 - b) Indigenous People who were born in a particular place.....
 - c) A person who is skilled in accurate shooting
 - d) People who do not have permanent abodes travel from place to place.....

(12 marks)

(12). Turn following Sentences from direct into reported speech.

1. He said, "I am very tired today "

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2. He said, 'I went to Jaffna last week?

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3. My father told me "I'm going to Colombo tomorrow?

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4. She asked me, 'who's the best player here?

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5. The policeman told me," Don't park here "

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(05 marks)

(13). You are the secretary of the school Literary Association. you are concerned about improving the reading skill of students ,write a letter to the manager of leading bookshop ,requesting some English book .

Include:

- Number of students
- Kinds of book.
- Request a list of book .

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(14). Write on **one** of the following. use about 160-170 words.

1. An article to be published in the school English magazine on “An unforgettable trip” you have been to.

Use the following points in your article

- Who accompanied and how you went.
- Places you visited.
- What made your trip unforgettable.

2. A speech to be delivered at the morning assembly of the Literary Association on “Reading enriches our knowledge.” Use the following guidelines .

- Advantages of reading
- Purposes of reading and types of reading materials.
- Importance of developing reading habit.

3. Complete the following story

I hurried home from the bus stop as it was sun setting. As I walked along the narrow path, suddenly.....

4. Write an essay on “Modes of transport” in our country.

Include the following

- What “modes of transport is-”
- How people travelled in the past
- How people travel now
- What will happen in future.

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