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Answer Sheet - I, II | පිළිතුරු පත්‍රය - I, II (English Medium)

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Answer Script I

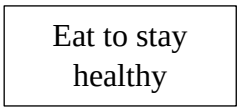
Test 1

Match the following posters with the captions given below. Write the relevant number in front of the caption. *The first one is done for you.* (1x5 = 5)

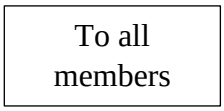
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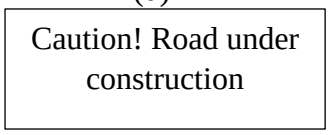
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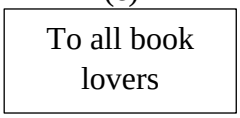
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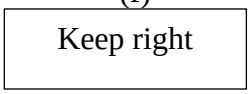
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(e)



(f)



1.	Exhibition extended till 30th	e	4.	Prices slashed on all items	a
2.	Use alternative routs	d	5.	Safety on road	f
3.	Nuts lower the risk of cancer	b	6.	Annual General Meeting	c

Test 2

Fill in the blanks in the following notice using the words given in the box. Write the letter of correct word in the space given. *The first one is done for you.* (1×5=5)

NOTICE

Audition for the Singing Competition

An audition will be held for those who are (1)___**b**_____ in taking part in the (2)__**c**_____ Singing Competition on 30th December 2022 from 9am (3) ____**f**_____ in the school (4) __**a**_____. Those who would (5) _____**e**____ to join this competition are (6) ____**d**_____ to come for the audition with a handwritten application.

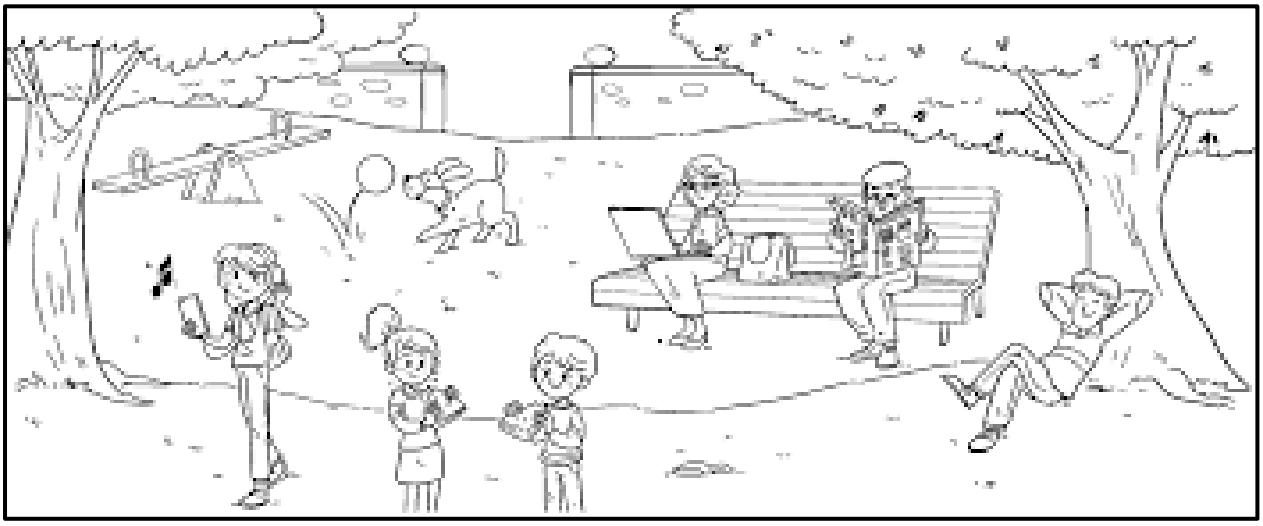
Secretary
Music Society

20-12-2022

a) Auditorium
~~b) interested~~
c) annual
d) requested
e) like
f) onwards

Test 3

Study the picture and fill in the blanks using the words given in the box. Write the letter of the correct word in the blank. *The first one is done for you.*



a) relaxing	b) between	c) three	d) foreground	e) her
f) practising	g) children's	h) seesaw	i) the	j) bench
k) a				

This picture illustrates a (1) ____**g**_____ park. There are three adults and (2) ___c_____ children in the picture. Two of the people are on a (3) _____j___ and the other one is (4) ___a_____ under a tree. The two on (5) ____i_____ bench are busy. The lady on the left of the bench is working on (6) _____e__ computer while the man next to her is reading (7) _k_____ newspaper. In (8) ___b_____them, there is a handbag. There are two girls and a boy in the (9) _d_____ of the picture. They seem to be (10) _____f_____ a drama. In the middle of the picture there is a dog. It is playing with a ball. In the top left-hand corner, there is a (11) ____h_____. This is a fine place for a family to relax in the evening.

(1/2×10=5)

Test 4

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

Six men have been trapped in a mine for seventeen hours. If (1) _____ (them/**they**/their) are not brought to the surface soon (2) _____ (they/them/it) may lose (3) _____ (your/their/them) lives. However, rescue operations are proving difficult. Meanwhile, to keep the men aware of the rescue process, a microphone has been lowered into the mine to keep (4) _____ (they/them/ their) in touch with (5) _____ (themselves/they/their) close relatives. The men seem to be cheerful among (6) _____ (they/themselves/their) since they are confident they will get out soon. (1×5=5)

Test 5

Read the following dialogue. Fill in the blanks of the paragraph below. Use only one word in each blank. *The first one is done for you.* (1×5=5)

Pasan : Hello, Ravindu did you go to the book fair last month?
Ruvindu : Do you mean the one held at the BMICH ?
Pasan : Yes. I couldn't go this time as I was down with dengue.
Ruvindu : Oh, I'm sorry to hear that. Yes, I went to it with my father.
Pasan : Did you buy a lot of books?

Ruvindu : Well, I bought some English novels and a new dictionary. I bought some story books for my little sister as well.
Pasan : How much was the dictionary you bought?
Ruvindu : It was priced at two thousand rupees, but I got it for half that amount. What is good about that dictionary is that it gives example sentences for every word.
Pasan : Really? I would also love to have a dictionary like that.

Ravindu went to the book fair with his (1) father. He bought a (2) ____dictionary_____ in addition to a few English novels. The dictionary cost him (3) ___one_____ thousand rupees. According to Kasun, one special feature of it is that there are example sentences for each (4)___word_____. He did not forgot to (5) _____buy_____ some story books for his sister. Unfortunately, Ruvindu's friend Pasan could not visit the book fair (6) ____because/as/since_ he was suffering from dengue.

Test 6

Imagine a friend of yours has invited you to a party at his/her house as he/she has won the first place in the All Island English Language Competition. Write a note declining the invitation. Mention why you are unable to attend it. Use 50 – 60 words. (5 marks)

Nimna, 18.11.2022

Congratulations! I am very happy to hear that you have won the first place in the All Island English Language Competitions. Thank you very much for inviting me to the party on Saturday but I am sorry to say that I will not be able to attend it as our family hopes to visit my grandfather on that day. I'll meet you on another day.

Shamidu

Test 7

Read the story and answer the questions. (1 x 5 = 5)

As we had had a long walk through one of the markets of Old Delhi, we stopped at a square to have a rest. After a time, we noticed a snake charmer with two large baskets at the other side of the square, so we went to have a look at him. As soon as he saw us, he picked up a long pipe which was covered with coins and opened one of the baskets. When he began to play a tune, we had our first glimpse of the snake. It rose out of the basket and began to follow the movements of the pipe. We were very much surprised when the snake - charmer suddenly began to play jazz tunes and popular modern songs. The snake, however, continued to 'dance' slowly. It obviously could not tell the difference between Indian music and jazz!

Underline the correct answer.

(1) What did they notice after some time?
(a) two large baskets (b) a square (c) a snake charmer

(2) Snake charmer's pipe was
(a) large (b) long (c) small
(3) The snake charmer had
(a) two large baskets (b) three small baskets (c) no baskets
(4) They had their first glimpse of the snake
(a) when they were walking
(b) when the snake charmer began to play a tune
(c) When the snake charmer began to play jazz tunes
(5) The snake charmer did not play
(a) Jazz tunes (b) popular modern songs (c) unpopular modern songs

Test 8

Write a paragraph on one of the following topics. Use about 50-60 words. (5 marks)

a) A place I like to visit b) An interesting book I have read

a) A place I like to visit

There are many places I like to visit in Sri Lanka. Among them, Kandy is the place I like to visit most. I like the cool climate of the area which is surrounded by many mountains. The Temple of the Tooth is one place I like to visit there. Whenever we visit Kandy, we never fail to go there. The Kandy Lake and the Peradeniya Botanical Gardens are some other attractions I love to visit in Kandy.

An interesting book I have read

Out of the books I have read, the novel Madolduwa written by Martin Wickramasinghe has a special place in my thoughts. It is a story about two boys who ran away from home and became successful as farmers. They were mischievous at the beginning of the story but later on they cultivated an island and became hardworking farmers. Out of the two main characters I like Jinna more as he always protects his master, Upali. It is an interesting story.

Test 9

Read the text and underline the most suitable word given within brackets. (1×5=5)

The earth is crawling with insects; in fact they make up the (1) _____ [a) large b) larger c) largest] group of animals. There are at least one million different species (2) _____ [a) including b) include c) included] beetles, butterflies, ants and bees. Insects first appeared on Earth more than 500 million years ago. They are found in almost every kind of habitat, from cold mountains (3) _____ [a) for b) with c) to] tropical rain forests. Although all insects have six legs and a body (4) _____ [a) covered b) covering c) covers] by an outer skeleton, they vary enormously in size and shape. Certain insects are very (5) _____[a) useful b) usefully c) usefulness] to human beings: without bees, for example, there would be no honey.

Test 10

Complete the dialogue between Sadewma and Ria. Underline the most suitable word within brackets. *The first one is done for you.* (1×5=5)

Sadewma: Hi! Why are you in a hurry?
Ria : I am a little late. I had to feed (1) (**my**/mine) pet today.
Sadewma: Wow! What is your pet; a cat or a dog?
Ria : It's a dog. My aunt had two puppies; one Alsatian and one Rottweiler. She (2) (gave/has given) me one of them.
Sadewma : That sounds interesting! What do you know about those breeds?
Ria : Both the breeds are good watch dogs. There are (3) (another/other) kinds of dogs such as Pomeranian and Labrador. They aren't fierce.
Sadewma : You seem to know much about dogs.
Ria : You know many people rear dogs for their (4) (protect/protection)
Sadewma : I too would love to have a pet. Can you help me to look (5) (to/for) one?
Ria : Of course I can. I'll ring you in the afternoon as I have to go for music (6) (practices/practises) now.
Sadewma : Alright, we'll talk about it later. Good bye!
Ria : Good bye!

Test 11

Fill in the blanks with the words given in the box. There is one extra word. (1/2×14=7)

examinations, campus, reproduce, bewildered, notes, find, degree, library, devote, lectures, different, freedom, work, rarely, friends

When Raja entered the (1) __campus___ for the first time he was rather (2) _bewildered,And it took him some time to (3) __find_ out where to go for lectures and tutorials and how to use the (4) _library_. To his surprise, he found that no one forced him to attend (5) _lectures_ or tutorials, and at first, he misused his new-found (6) _freedom and preferred to spend a lot of time enjoying himself with his (7) friends in Kandy. Suddenly he found that he could not cope with the (8) work_ he had missed, and from then on he became a (9) different person and began to (10) devote himself to his studies. Many of Raja's friends, including Gamini made the mistake of thinking that studying for a (11) degree was the sole object of entering a university. They hoped to take down (12) notes of the lectures they heard and (13) __reproduce_ them in their tutorials and (14) __examinations_. But they soon found how impossible it was to write good tutorial assignments without doing intelligent reference work.

Test 12

Complete the following passage using the most appropriate form of the verb given within brackets. (1×5=5)

Film making (1) __**was invented** (invent) hundred years ago. The first real film (2) _was produced_ (produce) by French brothers Luniers in 1895. In Sri Lanka it came slightly later. Cinemas in earlier days (3) _were_ (be) black and white and silent. Then it (4) _was found__ (find) that series of signals (5) _____could be applied__ (can apply) to one side of role of film. Special machines (6) ____turned____ (turn) these signals into sound.

Test 13

Read the following paragraph taken from an encyclopedia. Select the most suitable caption for each paragraph and write the letter of the caption in the box given against paragraph. There is one extra caption.

Captions

A-	A close bond	**B -**	Life away from Earth	**C -**	Healthy eating
D -	A rare opportunity	**E -**	They started long ago	**F -**	The path ahead

(1)	A balanced diet is one that provides everything that our body needs for health and growth. Energy-giving foods contain carbohydrates and fats, which the body burns up slowly. Energy in food is measured in calories. A ten – year – old child, for example, needs about 2000 calories a day.	**C**

(2)	People first marked out boards to play games four thousand years ago. Board games such as chess and draughts originally resembled a battle field in which players captured enemy soldiers. Many modern games, on the other hand, imitate peaceful aspects of life, such as buying and selling as in Monopoly.	**E**
(3)	Space is a perilous place for human beings. There is no air to breathe, and without a spacesuit for protection an astronaut would explode. This is because the human body is built to function under the constant pressure of the Earth's atmosphere, which is not present in space.	**B**
(4)	Bats find their way in the dark by making squeaks and clicks, which are so high-pitched that most humans cannot hear them. This is called echolocation. The sounds made by the bat bounce off a nearby object such as a tree or a moth. The bat can detect the returning echoes with its large, pointed ears.	**F**
(5)	Dogs have lived in harmony with human beings for more than 10,000 years. It is quite possible that over thousands of years human beings have caught and tamed dogs, at first to help with hunting, herding and guarding, and, much later to keep as pets.	**A**

Test 14

(a) The principal of your school asked you to organize a workshop for the members of the Drama Club before the students participate in the Zonal Drama Competition. As the Secretary of the Drama Club write a letter to the Director of 'Rantaru Performing Arts Centre' requesting him to send a guest speaker for the event.

Include the following:

- The reason for writing
- Mention who the audience will be
- Ask for a convenient date and time
- Ask whether any special equipment is needed

Trinity College,
Kandy.
15.11.2022

The Director,
Ran Tharu Performing Arts Centre,
Kandy.

Dear Sir,
A Request for a Guest Speaker.

The Drama Club of our school is going to organize a workshop for the members of the club before they participate in the Zonal Drama Competitions, which will be held at the end of this term.

Therefore, we need a professional dramatist to guide them to improve their performance. It will be a great help if you can send a talented person as the guest speaker for the event. Please be kind enough to suggest a convenient date and time. Also, inform us whether you need any special equipment for the event.

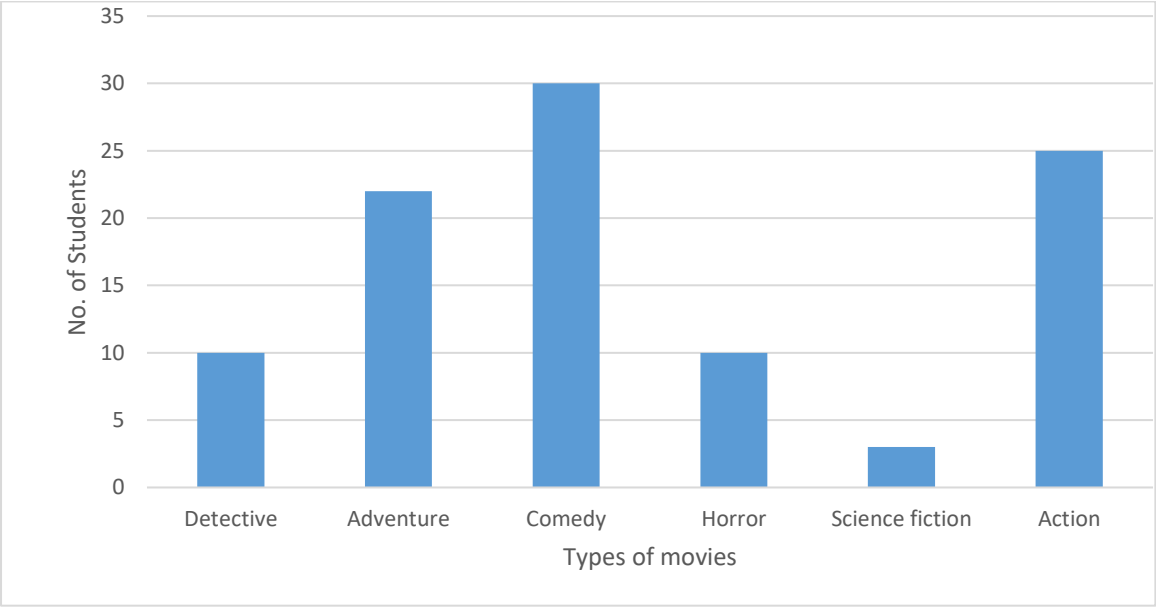
I would be much obliged to you, sir if you could consider this matter favourably.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you.
Yours faithfully,
……
N Ellepola
Secretary
Drama Club

(b) The following bar graph shows the results of a survey conducted among a hundred grade eleven students about what they like to watch during their free time. Study the chart and write a description about it. Use about 100 words. The following words will help you.

more than, less than, most, least, equal, more popular, highest, lowest



The above bar graph depicts the results of a survey conducted among 100 grade 11 students about what they like to watch during their free time. The vertical and the horizontal axes represent the number of students and the types of movies respectively.

According to the bar graph the highest number of students like to watch comedy while the least number of students like to watch movies related to science fiction. Action movies are more popular than adventure movies but less popular than comedy. An equal number of students like to watch detective and horror movies.

When we consider the bar chart it is clear that most of the students love to watch comedy in their free time.

Test 15

Read the following text and answer the questions given below.

Rice is our staple food and paddy is cultivated in all parts of our country. A hot climate, fertile soil and plenty of water are needed for the successful cultivation of paddy.

Long ago, people lived chiefly in the dry zone. There was not enough water in these areas and tanks were constructed to irrigate fields. An earthen dam was built across a stream and the water was held up to form a reservoir. The early reservoirs were built, maintained and repaired by the people of each village, who were good engineers. These small lakes were known as village tanks.

Later, large reservoirs were constructed by kings like Vasabha, Mahasen, Datusena and Parakramabahu. These giant tanks were used to irrigate large districts, and canals were cut to bring water to these tanks and to connect one tank with another. The Kala wewa was connected to the tanks near Anuradhapura by means of Jaya Ganga, a canal fifty-four miles long. The Minneri, Kavdulu, Giritale and Kantalai reservoirs near Polonnaruwa were combined into a vast irrigation scheme by means of the Alahera canal. The waters of Kala Oya, the Malwathu Oya, the Amban Ganga and the Mahaweli Ganga were utilized to form these early irrigation works which reveal the engineering skills of our ancestors.

In ancient times, water rates were charged by owners of tanks, and a grain tax was collected by royal officials. Since the grain tax was the chief source of revenue, large tanks and canals were constructed and maintained under royal supervision, and the construction of the irrigation works was considered one of the chief duties of a good king.

In times of war or rebellion, however, bunds and canals were damaged and crops were destroyed. Feeder canals were breached and water supplies were cut off whenever rebellions organized by discontented princes or when the country was invaded by foreign armies. During such times central administration of the country was disorganized. Consequently, large reservoirs and canals were not repaired and fields were not cultivated.

In the thirteenth century, when the northern part of the island was conquered by foreign invaders, the ancient cities of Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa were deserted. The irrigation works in these areas were neglected, human habitation was abandoned and Dry Zone reverted to jungle. It remained in this condition for centuries.

(1) Say whether the following statements are **True** or **False.** Put a tick (√) **in the relevant column.**

	True	False
(1) Paddy is cultivated in some parts of our country.		√
(2)Long ago people chiefly lived in the Wet Zone.		√
(3) Jaya Ganga is fifteen miles long.		√
(4) The Grain tax was the chief source of revenue.	√	

(1/2 **X**4 = 02 marks)

(2) Complete the following statements.

(a) The small lakes were known as _village tanks__
(b) Large tanks and canals were constructed and maintained under royal __supervision_____. (2 marks)

(3) Read paragraph 2 and 3 and find a word which has the same meaning as the following.

(a) Made of earth : _____earthen_____
(b) A place where water is stored : ____reservoir_____
(2 marks)

(4) Underline the best title for the passage.

(a) Great Kings of Sri Lanka
(b) Our Staple Food
(c) Engineering is not new (1 mark)

(5) Write the statement that says the places of living were given up and dry zones became jungles.

The irrigation works in these areas were neglected, human habitation was abandoned and the dry zone reverted to jungle. (1 mark)

Test 16

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

a) Write an article to a school magazine on 'Value of Reading'.
Include – Benefits of reading
- Available reading materials
- How to promote reading among students.

b) A speech you would make at the morning assembly on 'Importance of physical Exercises'.
Include – what physical exercises are
- Benefits of physical exercises
- How sports can be promoted at school

c) Write an essay on 'Communication then and now'
Include – what communication is
- Sources of communication in the past
- Advancement in communication at present

d) Savith met his friend Anuda and they started discussing their future aims in life. Complete the dialogue.
Savith : Since I want to work in a bank, I hope to study commerce subjects.
Anuda : Oh good! By the way, why do you want to work in a bank?

Test 16

a) Article

Value of Reading

- Introduction – General statement about the uses of reading and about reading materials.
- Sub topics

Benefits of reading

- It improves one's knowledge on any topic/subject
- People can get to know of other countries and cultures.
- Very important for a student to acquire knowledge on various topics and areas of study.
- You will be well aware of the world.

Reading material

- Books are the most common source which everyone has access to
- Novels, short stories and magazines give us pleasure
- Newspapers provide information
- Encyclopedias give us knowledge in great detail
- E – books

Promoting reading among students

- Encourage students to read books by introducing mini libraries in classrooms
- Set up 'reading circles' to exchange books and read
- Introducing supplementary reading materials to students

- Conclusion

Give a sentence to encourage students to read.
Write the name at the end.

b) Speech

- Address the gathering by greeting them and introducing the topic-
  Good morning everyone! Dear Principal, dear teachers and my dear friends, I am here to talk about ……
- Define what physical exercises are
  Movements and activities done to keep your body healthy or make it stronger.
- Benefits of physical exercises
  Improve brain health, help manage weight, reduce risk of dieases
  Exercises strengthen bones and muscles
- Different types of physical activities
  Swimming, running, jogging, walking and dancing.
- How sports can be promoted in schools
  - -Allocate marks for sports at the term end tests
  - -Encourage every student to do at least one sport
  - -Do physical activities before starting school
  - -Promote gardening as it is also a good source of physical activities

- Conclusion

- Let us stay healthy and build our nation (a wish)
- Thank the audience (thank you for listening. Have a pleasant day)

c) Essay

<u>Communication then and now</u>

- Introduction
  What communication is

- Exchange of information by speaking, writing or using some other medium

- Sub topics

<u>Wide range of ways of communicating</u>

Verbal communication- face to face. telephone, radio, television and other media.
Non-verbal communication

- Using body language gestures, written communication through letters, e-mails, social media, books, magazines and internet.

<u>Methods of communication in the past</u>

- communicated through cave painting, smoke, signals, symbols and career pigeons

<u>Advancement in Communication at present</u>

- With the advancement of technology people have become more dependent on advanced communication such as mobile phones and e-mail.
- Satellite and internet have extended communications worldwide; television and radio are the common forms of mass media and communication.

- Conclusion

- Advanced modes of communication can be a blessing and a threat at the same time. So we need to be careful in using them only for our betterment.

d) Dialogue

-Build up a dialogue leading a discussion on their future ambitions and what they would study in the future to realize their goals.