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

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Answer Script I

Test 1

Complete the dialogue between Kasun and Suren. Use the words given in the box. Write the correct letter in the box. *The first one is done for you.* (5 marks)

(a) borrow	(b) owe	(c) lend	(d) sell	(e) buy	(f) pay

Kasun : I wonder why Malith is absent today. I (1) b__ him two hundred rupees.

Suren : Perhaps, he is not well. Why did you have to (2) ___a__ money from him?

Kasun : Well, I needed to (3) __e___ a CR book for Science yesterday. I didn't have enough money.

Suren : I see. Malith is a really good friend, isn't he? He was kind enough to (4) ___c_____ me all his history notes last month. So, when are you going to (5) ___f_____ him back?

Kasun : After I (6) __d_____ some brinjals that I have grown in my garden.

Test 2

Fill in the blanks in the following dialogue. Use the words given in the box. Write the correct word in the space given. *The first one is done for you.* (5 marks)

from	by	into	~~at~~	along	in

Sanesh : I didn't see you last weekend.

Rishi : Oh! I was (1) ___at___ my grandmother's place.

Sanesh : Where is it?

Rishi : It's (2) ___in_____ Galle. The house is located (3) ____by_____ the sea.

Sanesh : Really! Did you enjoy the weekend?

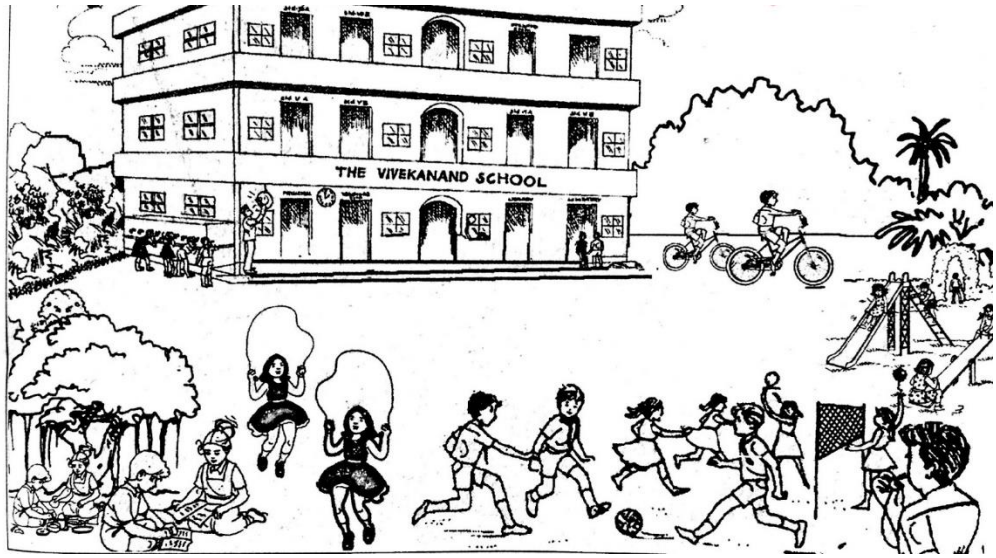
Rishi : Why not? I walked (4) __along_____ the beach with my brother in the evening. You know, watching the sunset (5) ____from_____the beach is amazing.

Sanesh : Great! How nice!

Rishi : My little sister collected a lot of seashells and put those (6) __into_____ a box. She wanted to make some ornaments.

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.* (5 marks)



a) building	b) various	c) sports	d) cyclists	e) the
f) skipping	g) four	h) interval	i) over	j) background
k) slide				

This picture depicts an (1) ___h_____ time at a school. There are a lot of children in the garden and they are doing (2) __b_____ types of activities. In the (3) ____j_____ of the picture we can see a three storey (4) _____a_____. To the right hand side of the building there are two (5) ____d_____. On the right hand side of the picture there is a (6) ___k_____ and a seesaw. There are two children on (7) ___e_____ seesaw. In the foreground of the picture there are a lot of children engaging in different types of (8) ___c_____. Two girls are passing a ball (9) _____i____ a net. Three boys are kicking a ball around and two girls are (10) __f_____. There are also, (11) ___g_____ girls sitting on the ground, discussing some notes.

Test 4

Each underlined word in the following is incorrect. Write the correct word in the space provided. The first one is done for you. (5 marks)

I had a letter <u>for</u> my sister yesterday.	1) ……from…..
She <u>live i</u>n Nigeria.In her letter,she	2) … lives……
said that she would <u>came</u> to England	3)…….come…..
next year. If she comes, she <u>would</u> get	4)…….will……..
a surprise. We are now <u>live</u> in a	5)……living……
new house <u>at</u> the country. It is a	6)……in……..
modern house, so it looks strange <u>to</u> some people.	
It must be the only modern house in the district.	

Test 5

Read the text and complete the table given below. (5 marks)

The largest group of reptiles is the lizard family, with about 3,700 kinds. Lizards live in almost every habitat except the open sea and the northernmost part of the earth. The Komodo dragon is the largest of all lizards while the gecko is the smallest. Some geckos are less than 2cm long.

A typical lizard such as the iguana has a slim body, a long tail, legs that splay out sideways, and five –toed feet. In the same way that a starfish regrows its arms, a lizard can regrow its tail. When a predator such as a bird or cat grabs a lizard by its tail. The lizard sheds the tail in order to escape.

Like other reptiles most female lizards lay eggs, which they bury in the soil or hide under rock until the young hatch.

1	The largest lizard in the world.	Komodo dragon
2	The approximate number of lizard types.	About 3700
3	A place where lizards are not found.	the open sea/the northernmost part of the earth
4	A word which refers to an animal that hunt other animals.	predator
5	How lizards give birth to the young.	Lay eggs

Test 6

Imagine you are the secretary of the Environmental Club in your school. The club has organized a trip to Kanneliya to study the biodiversity of a rainforest. Write a notice informing all the members of the club about it. Use about 50-60 words. (5 marks)

Include – date

time of departure.

things to be brought.

Notice

The Environmental Club in our school has organized a trip to Kanneliya to study the bio diversity of a rain forest. We have planned to go on 25th December 2022.We will leave the school premises at 5a.m. Those who are willing to join, should bring a letter of permission from the parents.

Secretary

Environmental Club

14.11.2022

Test 7

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

Gampolaya was the name of a man of Gampola, an ancient capital town near Kandy, and Raigamaya, was a man from Raigama a village in Kalutara district. The two were fast friends. One night they burgled a house, took away a box of jewellery which they carried to the seashore, where they buried it in the sand, and slept over it for safety. Before dawn Gampolaya rose up stealthily, dug up the box quietly, buried it in the sea floor above which the water reached up to his neck, and, returning to his place, slept again. Raigamaya, awakening

a little later, and discovering the disappearance of the box, noted that his companion's body was wet. Licking the sleeping man's body, Raigamaya found that the salt taste stopped at the neck, dived and scraping the sea floor near his feet, found the precious box. Fleeing from the place with the box in his hand, he hid himself in a stack of straw which was lying in an outhouse nearby. Gampolaya, waking soon after, and realizing the situation, gave chase. Seeing the big bundle of straw, he guessed that his friend lay hidden within. Close at hand he saw a sokade (clappers tied round the necks of cattle) which he put round his neck, and tugged at the bundle of straw. The sound of the clappers made the concealed Raigamaya believe that a bull or a cow had come to eat the straw. Summoning all his courage, he jumped out with a shout and a yell to scare the intruder away to be clasped in the arms of Gampolaya! The pair thereupon had a hearty laugh together, and becoming friends once again, divided the jewellery equally between them and, hand in hand, started on their homeward jouney.

Underline the correct answer.

(1) How many friends are there in the story?
(a) One (b) Two (c) Three

(2) Raigama is a village in
(a)Gampola (b) Kandy (c) Kaluthara

(3) One night they burgled a

(a) jewellery box (b) house (c) sea

(4)What did Gampolaya do before dawn?

(a) Hid himself in a stack of straw.
(b) Buried the box of jewels in the sea floor.
(c) Had a hearty laugh with his friend.

(5)What did the two friends finally do?

(a) They hid in a stack of hay.
(b) They jumped and scared a cow.
(c) They started a homeward journey.

Test 8

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

(a) My hobby (b) A place I visited

(a) My hobby

I love to do many things in my free time. However, my main hobby is reading books. I have a collection of books and I read them whenever I get a free time. It relaxes my mind and I gain much knowledge on various subjects. My parents always encourage me to read by presenting me with books. My small library is a treasure to me.

(b) A place I visited

Out of the places I have visited, the trip to Nuwara Eliya stays in my mind as a special place. My family and I went there during the last school vacation. We went there by train. We stayed in a circuit bungalow and we had a great time there. The climate was cool and we visited the beautiful Haggala Gardens to see a variety of flowers. We went to the Gregory Lake and went on a boat ride too. I was lucky to see a horse race too at the Race Course. I would love to go there again.

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Answer Script II

Test 9

Read the text and underline the most suitable word given within brackets. (5 marks)

Swimming, diving, surfing and even just floating on your back are among the 1) _____(more, many, most) enjoyable ways of 2) _____ (relax, relaxation, relaxing) and keeping fit. Water sports are fun for people 3) _____ (for, of, at) all ages: even babies can learn to 4) _____ (swimming, swum, swim). Swimming became 5) _____ (popularly, popular, unpopular) for fitness and recreation with ancient people in Egypt, Greece and then first Olympics, in 1896.

Test 10

Given below is a conversation between two friends, Nethuni and Santhush. Rewrite each of the statement / question using reported speech. *The first one is done for you.* (5 marks)

(1) Nethuni : I went to Kandy with my family last week.
Nethuni said that she had gone to Kandy with her family the previous week/the week before.

(2) Santhush : I too love Kandy.
Santhush said that he too loved Kandy.

(3) Nethumi : I have got some beautiful pictures of Kandy with me.
Nethumi said that she had got some beautiful pictures of Kandy with her.

(4) Santhush : I like to see Hanthana Mountain at sunrise.

Santhush said that he liked to see Hanthana Mountain at sunrise.

(5) Nethumi : My uncle is staying at the Peradeniya University quarters now.
Nethumi said that her uncle was staying at the Peradeniya University quarters then.

(6) Santhush : When will you visit him again?
Santhush asked when she would visit them again.

Test 11

Fill in the blanks with the words given in the box. There is one extra word. (7 marks)

leopard, herds, birds, treasure, rain, Yala, fear, strong, chief, solitary, breed, important, heavy, largest, sanctuary

Sri Lanka is a tropical country which has a lot of (1) __rain_____ and sunshine. Like some of the other tropical countries with a (2) ____heavy_____ rainfall, our country, too, has jungles, which cover a large area. Different kinds of animals, (3) _birds_____ and reptiles live in them. The elephant, the leopard, the bear, the wild boar, the deer and the monkey are some of the animals that live in our jungles. The elephant, the (4) largest_____ animal on land, is muddy grey in colour and lives in (5)_herds_____. Occasionally, we can see a (6)____solitary_____ wild elephant which has broken away from the herd. Elephants can be seen in our National Parks in (7) ___Yala_____ and Wilpattu. The elephant population is dwindling in Sri Lanka and they might soon be extinct. Another animal found in our jungle is the (8) __leopard_____, which has brownish yellow eyes and a (9) ___strong_____ body. It sometimes prowls about in villages where there are cattle. The villages who own these cattle live in (10)__fear_____ of attacks by leopards. Our wildlife which is regarded as a national (11) _treasure____ attracts many tourists. The Wildlife Conservation Department, whose (12)_chief_____ aim is to protect these animals, maintains the sanctuaries in Sri Lanka. The most (13)___important_____ of these are the Yala, Wilpattu and the Kumana sanctuaries. Here the animals live and (14)___breed_____ freely in their natural surroundings.

Test 12

Complete the following passage using the most appropriate form of the verb given within brackets. *The first one is done for you.* (5 marks)

There was a science exhibition in our school last month. It (1) **was opened** (open) by the Science Director of our education zone, Mr J K Jayasinghe. All the exhibits (2) had already been arranged (arrange) in the main hall by the time he arrived. While appreciating the hard work and creative ability of our students, Mr Jayasinghe said that a set of new science equipment (3) would/will be sent (send) to our school soon. Students of all the grades (4) were allowed (allow) to see the exhibition, and students from a few neighbouring schools (5) had also been invited/ were also invited (invite) to see it. According to our art teacher, an art exhibition, too, (6) will be held (hold) in the school next month.

Test 13

Following are some advertisements published in a local newspaper. Match them with the utterances given below. Write the correct letter of the advertisement in the box.

(a)

Ruki's Footwear

Join us for the 10th Anniversary of Ruki's Footwear with a Grand Offer and enjoy exclusive discounts on selected items.

Open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Visit us soon!

No 148, Kandy.

(b)

Stock Clearance Sale!

There will be a sale of

gents' trousers, shirts, T shirts,

leather belts and many more

at unbelievable prices.

Hurry up! Get yours now!

Limited stocks!

Globe Community Hall

(c)

Ladies! Want to Look Pretty?

An amazing opportunity for you.

We have all types of lipsticks, cutex,

eyeliners, eye shadow, face powder, etc.

in different brands and also

fascinating jewellery at a discount

of 25%

Specially for the women who care for beaty!

Samanali Beauty Shop.

Thalawathugoda

(d)

A Bargain Sale!

There is a bargain sale for the

kitchen utensils at all our

outlets islandwide.

The offer will last only for two weeks.

Starting from 18th November 2022.

Only a limited stock available.

Multi kitchen-

Kandy, Colombo, Matale, Galle

(e)

Seasonal Offer!

We have a range of varieties

of all types of flowers, fruit, vegetable, herbal

and ornamental plants in our shop.

We offer you a grand discount

for the Christmas Season.

Chathumini flora

Kadawatha

1	'My knife is blunt. I think, I should buy a new one'	**d**
2	'I broke my shoes on my way to the office. I want to buy a new pair'	**a**
3	'My sister is an enthusiastic gardener. She plants a new variety every month. Where can I buy a gift for her birthday?'	**e**
4	'My brother will be going for an interview. I want to buy a new suit for him.'	**b**
5	'My friend invited me to a party. I need to buy some new cosmetics.'	**c**

Test 14

a) Your cousin who is living abroad hopes to visit Sri Lanka this year. Write a letter to him / her inquiring about his/her visit. Include the following;

- date of arrival
- duration of stay
- his/her likes and dislikes
- plans for the vacation

(a)

129/B, Matale Road,
Wattegama.
17.11.2022

Dear Mewan,

Hope you are keeping fine. You had mentioned in your last letter that you wanted to visit Sri Lanka. I am anxiously waiting to see you.

If you let us know the date of your arrival, we will be able to arrange transport for you. How long are you going to stay? It will be really nice if you can stay for at least a month. I have planned many activities for the vacation.

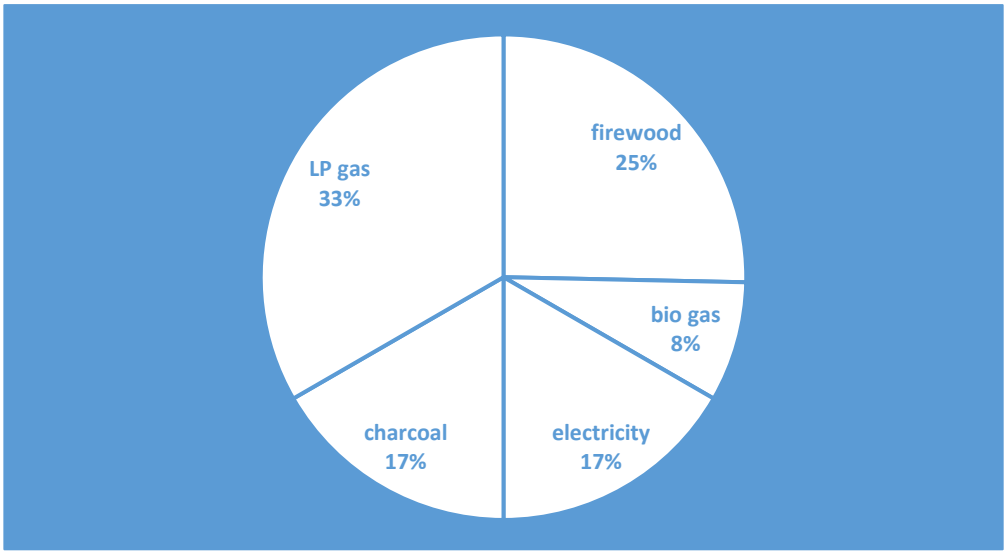
We can go hiking on the Knuckles. I know, you will enjoy it very much as you love exploring nature. Also, we can visit all the historical places in Kandy and Matale.

Besides the above, I have some other surprises for you. Convey my regards to uncle, aunt and the little sister. Hope to meet you in Sri Lanka.

Yours,
Methnim

(b) The following pie-chart shows different sources of energy used by the people in Rathmalyaya village for domestic cooking. Study the chart and write a description about it. Use about 100 words. The following words will help you.

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



Test 15

Read the following text and answer the questions given below.

Brenda Linson never goes anywhere without an empty spectacle case. It is as vital to her as her purse. Yet she does not wear glasses. The reason she cannot do without it is because she can neither read nor write. If ever she gets into any situation where she might be expected to do either of these things, she fishes around in her bag for the spectacle case, finds it empty, and asks another person to do the task for her.

Brenda is now in her late thirties. She is capable and articulate, and until a few months ago hardly anybody knew she was illiterate. Her children still don't.

She had any number of tactics to conceal her difficulty. For example, never staying near a phone at work in case she had to answer it and was required to write something down. But, in fact, it is easier for illiterates to conceal the truth than the rest of us might imagine. Literacy is so much taken for granted that people simply do not spot the giveaway signs.

It has never occurred to her children that their mother cannot read. She does not read them stories, but then their father doesn't either. Similarly, they just accept that Dad is the one who writes the sick notes and reads the school reports. Now that the elder boy Tom is quite a proficient reader, Brenda can skillfully get him to read any notes brought home from school.

Brenda's husband did not guess the truth for many years. For one thing he insists on handling all domestic correspondence and bills himself. An importer of Persian carpets, he travels a great deal and so was not around much to spot the truth. While he is away, Brenda copes with any situation by explaining that she cannot do anything until she has discussed it with her husband.

Brenda has been very successful in her job. For the last five years she worked as a waitress at an exclusive private club, and was promoted to head waitress. She kept the thing a secret there too, and got over the practical difficulties somehow.

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

	True	False

(1) Brenda Linson always carries a spectacle case with her.	×	
(2) She always answers the phone at her work place.		×
(3) Brenda's husband sells Persian cats.		×
(4) Brenda writes sick notes for her children.		×

(1/2×4= 2 marks)

(2) Complete the following sentences.

a) Brenda has any number of __tactics__ to conceal her difficulty.

b) Brenda has been very _successful_ in her job.

(2 marks)

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

(a) competent or skilled in doing or using something : proficient

(b) relating to the running of a home or to family relations : domestic (2 marks)

(4) Underline the best title for the passage.

(a) What is illiteracy?

(b) The Secret Life of Brenda Linson

(c) Brenda and her Children (1 mark)

(5) Write the statement that says Brenda is not a waitress now.
She had any number of tactics to conceal her difficulty. (1 mark)

Test 16

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

a) Write an article to a newspaper on 'How the internet helped us during pandemic situation in the country.'
Include – Limitations people faced due to pandemic situation.
How the internet helped people.
How to improve the use of internet among people.

b) A speech you would make at the meeting of the English Literary Association of your school on 'Benefits of learning English as a second language'
Include – What a second language is
- Why you need to study English
- How to improve your knowledge of English

- Conclusion
  - Thank the audience
  - Make a request –Let's learn and practice English and connect globally.

c) Write an essay on 'Responsibilities of a citizen in a country'
Include – What responsibilities are?
The responsibilities of a citizen
How to teach the responsibilities at young age.

d) Mahesh and Lithum met after a long time. They started discussing their hobbies. Complete their dialogue.
Mahesh : I started collecting stamps. Now I have quite a lot.

Lithum : Oh really! That's wonderful! Now I have a small garden of vegetables. It's nice way of spending time.

Test 16

(a) An article

How the internet helped us during the pandemic situation in the country

Introduction

- Give a brief description of the pandemic situation in the country/ lockdown etc.

Limitations people faced

- How students were affected (schools closed, no extra activities)
- People stayed at home without going to work.
- Business places/ Banks closed down

How the internet helped people

- Schools started lessons through online platforms such as Zoom, Teams etc.
- Offices started to function through online platforms.
- Businesses started through online. (online shopping via internet)

Creating interest in people to use the internet

- Giving free Wi- Fi to people
- Create awareness among people about the convenience of using the internet to do things online without leaving homes. (banking, shopping etc.)
- Give short courses to the people who do not know how to use the internet properly.

Conclusion
-Sum up the above idea.
Mention a person at the end.

(b) A speech

- Address the gathering by greeting them and introducing the topic.
  I'm extremely happy to speak a few words on this pleasant day to all of you who are gathered here. The principal, dear teachers and my dear friends, let me share my views on 'Benefits of learning English as a second language'

- Discuss what a second language is

- The reasons you need to study English
  - Since English is regarded as a 'link language', it is important to share ideas with others around the world.
  - To refer books in higher studies
  - To enjoy reading books, watch films in English

- How to improve your knowledge of English
  - Practise speaking with others
  - Follow videos with native speakers in them

- Watching English films with subtitles
- Listening to English news on radio/ television

(c) Essay

Responsibilities of a citizen of a country

- Introduction
  - What is a responsibility – Responsibility involves something you are expected to do

- Give examples for social responsibilities
  - Protect public property
  - Study well and serve the country
  - Keep the country clean

- How to teach responsibilities at young age
  - Teach students responsibilities from grade 1-3 with practice
  - Show videos about what other countries do to teach children responsibilities at young age e.g. Japan
  - Make videos/ cartoons on social responsibilities and show them to young children.
  - Display posters

(d) Continue the dialogue to discuss their hobbies
  - What their hobbies are
  - What they do in their leisure time
  - Benefits/ the happiness they get etc.

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