Question 1

Fill in the blanks in the following text, using the preposition given in the box. Use each preposition only once. There is one preposition extra. (05 marks)

| about | to | In | by | for | into |

Most people wish to be part of a society, to find a place (1) _______ themselves within a group. The group may be as small as a family or as large as a nation. Your place in the group is sometimes defined (2) _______ your birth. A king or queen, for example, must be born (3) _______ a royal family. Sometimes, your natural abilities or your personal qualities help you find a special place for yourself. In some societies your age or your sex determines your place (4) _______ the group.

As you read the stories in this unit, think (5) _______ each character’s place in his or her group.

Question 2

II. Fill in each blank with the correct form of the verb given in brackets. One has been done for you. (10 marks)

A priest was walking down a village road and saw a young farmer struggling 1. To load (load) hay back on to a cart after it 2. ……………………… (fall) off. “You 3………………..(look) tired, my son” said the priest. 4…………………… (rest) for a moment and I 5………………… (give) you a hand.” “no thanks,” said the young man. “My father 6. ……………………… (not like) it.” “Don’t be silly,” the priest said, “every one 7. …………………. (entitle) to a break. 8……………..(come) and have a drink of water.” Again, the young man protested that his father
would be upset. 9 ……………… (lose) his patience, the priest said, Your father
10……………………… (be) a real slave-driver. Tell me where I can find him and I’ll give
him a piece of mind.” Well, replied the young farmer,” he 11……………(be) under the hay!”

Question 3
Underline the correct word from those given within brackets to fill the blanks in the
following text. (10 marks)
Pangker is (1) ____________ (the, an, a, any) island just off the west coast of Perak in
peninsular Malaysia. It is one of (2) ______________ (the, a, an, much) most enchanting
islands one can ever come across. In ancient times for (3) ______________ (more, many,
most, much) sailors, this peaceful island had been a perfect stopover. Tourists from all over the
world enjoy their shopping in Malaysia for (4) ______________ (few, more, none, some)
of them who want to be away from the hustle and bustle of the city this island (5) ________
________ (offer, offered, offers, offering) a heaven of tranquility. Visitors are charmed by the
serenity of the fishing villages there. (6) ______________ (among, in, during, inside) the
Chinese new year and school vacation, nearly zoo holiday makers arrive in the island. Not (7)
__________ (no one, anyone, someone, everyone) of them get accommodation in hostels (8)
__________________ (because, as, so, since) there are (9) ______________ (fewer,
less, least, few) hostels in Pangker than in the city of Penang. For (10) ______________
(more, less, much, most) than 30 one can have a complete massage in the Beach Resorts.

Question 4
In each of the following sentences, underline the most appropriate word from those
given in brackets to fill in the blanks. (05 marks)
Communication is part of our everyday life. We 1. …………………(greet/great/grate) one
another, smile or frown, depending on our moods. Animals too, 2. …………………
(communication/ communicate/ commutable) much to our surprise, just like us. 3. The
……………… (interaction/ interference/ reference) among animals can be both verbal and
nonverbal. Singing is one way in which animals can interact with one another. Male
blackbirds often use their melodious songs to catch the 4. ………… (devotion/attention/
interest) of the females. These songs are usually rich in notes variation, encoding various
kinds of messages. Songs are also used to warn and 5. ………….. (keep off/ keep back/ keep
on) other blackbirds from their territory, usually a place where they dwell and reproduce.
Question 5

Underline the correct word ending. Selecting from those given within the brackets. (05 marks)

Cleopatra had used many herbal treatments to (1) main ________________ (tinance, tain, ly) her never fading beauty. That was why Mark Anthony once compared her to a flower. Beauty (2) con ________________ (cern, sciousness, servation) has been a fact that is common to every woman. Along with the present modern (3) tech ________________ (nical, niques, nology) which we see in every little thing in the world, beauty field has also changed with many modern (4) deve ________________ (oping, lopers, lopments). Our Sri Lankan beauticians have also been introducing new techniques to us upgrading beauty culture (5) treat ________________ (ing, ments, ted) and therapies here.

Part B – Reading and writing (25 marks)

Question 6

Underline the option that best expresses the meaning of each of the sentences given below. (05 marks)

1. Ravi told Nilantha that he would not tolerate his behaviour.
   i. Nilantha would not tolerate Ravi’s behaviour.
   ii. Ravi would not tolerate Nilantha’s behaviour.
   iii. Ravi tolerated Nilantha’s behaviour.
   iv. Nilantha tolerated Ravi’s behavior.

2. If I knew how the car works, I could repair it for you.
   i. I repaired his car though I didn’t know how it works.
   ii. I did not repair his car because I didn’t know how it works.
   iii. I knew how to repair it and I did it.
   iv. I did not repair the car though I knew how it works.

3. My suspicion, that he betrayed the company, has been proved to be correct.
   i. It has been proved that he betrayed the company.
   ii. The suspicion, that he betrayed the company, is to be proven.
iii. It has been proved that he has not betrayed the company.
iv. That he betrayed the company, is only my suspicion.

4. Kannan does not seem to study as he should.
i. Kannan needs to study more.
ii. Kannan does not study at all.
iii. No one can see Kannan studying.
iv. Kannan pretends to be studying.

5. He was formerly my employer.
i. It is formal that he was my employer.
ii. He was my former employer.
iii. I was his former employer.
iv. He is now, my employer.

**Question 7**

**Read the following text and do the activities that follows. (10 marks)**

June 5th was the World Environment Day. This day was given an apt theme, Wanted! Seas and Oceans: Dead or Alive? That theme took into account the poor state of the World’s oceans and seas including the local shores.

The statement by the UN Secretary General, Kofi A Annan comprised clear facts. The world seas and oceans are becoming increasingly tainted by untreated waste water, air borne pollution, industrial effluents and silt from inadequately managed waste lands.

Another hazard is the nitrogen overload from fertilizer which is creating a number of oxygen starved “dead zones” in coastal waters across the globe. This has resulted in the killing of up to a million seabirds and 100,000 sea mammals and turtles each year. With more than 40 percent of the human population already living within 60 kilometres of the coast and the population growing, the problems are only likely to increase. Already the intensity of commercial fishing operations, the total global fish catch is declining. Nearly three quarters of the world’s fish stocks are being harvested faster than they can be reproduced.

(a) Underline the most appropriate response in each of the questions from 1 -4.

(1) According to the passage the Word Environment Day is celebrated.

(a) On January 5th  
(b) On June 5th  
(c) On November 5th  
(d) On March 5th
(2) The theme of World Environment day;
(a) Wanted seas and oceans  (b) Dead or alive  (c) a & b  (d) Oceans only

(3) What share of the world’s fish stocks are being harvested.
(a) Half  (2) Three quarters  (3) Quarter  (4) More than three quarters

(4) Dead Zones in coastal waters resulted in killing of
(a) Sea birds
(b) Turtles
(c) Sea mammals
(d) All above.

(b) Do the following statements agree with the information given in the above text? 
In boxes 5 – 10 write. False or not given.

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<td>5. The world seas and oceans are becoming increasingly tainted only by air borne pollution.</td>
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<td>6. WHO forecasts the danger faced by seas and oceans in future world.</td>
<td>Not Given</td>
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<td>7. With more than 60 percent of the human population already living within 40 kilometres of the coast</td>
<td>True</td>
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<td>8 Dead zones are created by the fertilizer which is over loaded by nitrogen.</td>
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<td>9. Fertilizer released to the coastal waters creates a zone overloaded with oxygen</td>
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<td>10. The global fish harvest is greater than its reproduction.</td>
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**Question 8**

(10 marks)

Write a paragraph beginning with the given sentence. Usabout 75 – 100 words. Do not exceed the word limit. Do not write more than one paragraph.

People who know English enjoy the benefits of knowing a global language.
Question 01

Read the passage given below in which some words are given in bold type. Then, underline the meaning that is most appropriate to the context for the words given in bold type from 1-10

Marie Curie was one of the most accomplished scientists in history. Together with her husband, Pierre, she discovered radium, an element widely used for treating cancer, and studied uranium and other radioactive substances. Pierre and Marie’s amicable collaboration later helped to unlock the secrets of the atom. Marie was fortunate to have studied at the Sorbonne with some of the greatest scientists of her day, one of whom was Pierre Curie. Marie and Pierre were married in 1895 and spent many productive years working together in the physics laboratory. A short time after they discovered radium, Pierre was killed by a horsedrawn wagon in 1906. Marie was stunned by this horrible misfortune and endured heart-breaking anguish. Despondently she recalled their close relationship and the joy that they had shared in scientific research. In 1911 she received the Nobel Prize in chemistry for isolating radium. Although Marie Curie eventually suffered a fatal illness from her long exposure to radium, she never became disillusioned about her work. Regardless of the consequences, she had dedicated herself to science and to revealing the mysteries of the physical world.

1. accomplished
   competitive   successful   famous   reliable
2. amicable
   friendly   strong   harmonious   important
3. collaboration
   participation   expectation   collusion   alliance
4. fortunate
   delighted   prosperous   lucky   affluent
5. productive
   creative   fruitful   vigorous   constructive
6. stunned
   shocked   incapacitated   disoriented   surprised
7. recalled  recollected  summon  retract  revoke
8. isolating  dividing  separating  divorcing  abandoning
9. exposure  familiarization  concealment  contact  protection
10. consequences  arguments  importance  agreement  results

Question 02  (10 marks)

Read the following paragraph and answer the questions 1 and 2.

When another old cave is discovered in the south of France, it is not usually news. Rather, it is an ordinary event. Such discoveries are so frequent these days that hardly anybody pays heed to them. However, when the Lascaux cave complex was discovered in 1940, the world was amazed. Painted directly on its walls were hundreds of scenes showing how people lived thousands of years ago. The scenes show people hunting animals, such as bison or wild cats. Other images depict birds and, most noticeably, horses, which appear in more than 300 wall images, by far outnumbering all other animals. Early artists drawing these animals accomplished a monumental and difficult task. They did not limit themselves to the easily accessible walls but carried their painting materials to spaces that required climbing steep walls or crawling into narrow passages in the Lascaux complex. Unfortunately, the paintings have been exposed to the destructive action of water and temperature changes, which easily wear the images away. Because the Lascaux caves have many entrances, air movement has also damaged the images inside. Although they are not out in the open air, where natural light would have destroyed them long ago, many of the images have deteriorated and are barely recognizable. To prevent further damage, the site was closed to tourists in 1963, 23 years after it was discovered.

01. Do the following statements agree with the information given in the above text? In boxes (1)-(8) write True or False.

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<td>2) The south of France is home to rare animals.</td>
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<td>3) Most of the images are not recognizable now.</td>
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4) Wild cats are the animals that appear most often on the cave walls.

5) Painting inside the Lascaux complex was a difficult task because the caves were full of wild animals.

6) Light has caused damage to the paintings.

7) Another part of Lascaux cave was discovered in 1963.

8) The pictures were mainly of how the ancient people lived their life.

02. Underline the most appropriate response

(1) The words pays heed to are closest in meaning to ________.
   a) discovers  b) watches  c) notices  d) buys

(2) The word depict is closest in meaning to ________.
   a) show b) hunt c) count d) draw

**Question 03** (05 marks)

Read the following poem and underline the most appropriate responses to each of the questions from 1-5.

**John James Audubon**

**1780 – 1851**

By ROMEMARY and STEPHEN VINCENT BENET

Some men live for warlike deeds,
Some for women’s words.
John James Audubon
Lived to look at birds.

Pretty birds and funny birds,
All our native fowl
From little cedar waxwing
To the Great Horned Owl.
Let the wind blow hot or cold,
Let it rain or snow,
Everywhere the birds went
Audubon would go.

Scrambling through a wilderness,
Floating down a stream,
All around America
In a feathered dream.

(1) Whose unique feature is expressed in the line “Lived to look at birds”.
(a) Stephen Vincent’s
(b) John James’
(c) Rosemary’s
(d) Benet’s

(2) Which of the following is most appropriate to describe about John James’s love for birds?
(a) Some for women’s words.
(b) Let it rain or snow.
(c) Some for war-like deeds.
(d) Lived to look at birds.

(3) Where did John James roam in his feathered dream?
(a) All around the world.
(b) In his own world.
(c) All around America.
(d) Not mentioned

(4) Which word in the poem most nearly means “drifting”?
(a) Floating
(b) War-like deeds
(c) Native
(d) Feathered dreams

(5) What is the correct order of adjectives which describes the “birds” in the poem?
(a) funny, pretty, native
(b) native, pretty, funny
(c) pretty, native, funny
(d) funny, native, pretty

**Question 04**

*(05 marks)*

Based on the following passage, fill in the blanks in the text given below. Use only one word in each blank.

**ENERGY FROM LAND**

Man needs much energy to work. Can he get it without meat? Yes. He can as soya bean is there. The Chinese farmers eat Soya Bean porridge and drink Soya Bean milk because they give them the energy to work hard all day. The Chinese consider it as one of the “Five Secret Grains”. The other secret grains are Barley, Rice, Wheat and Millet. They also call the Soya Bean ‘The meat of the soil” because it is very rich in protein, vitamins and minerals. The Soya Bean is a plant which is similar to the bean plant. The Soya Bean is very nutritious food because it contains 40% protein and 20% bean oil.

The Chinese farmers eat Soya Bean porridge and drink Soya Bean milk to get energy. With this they can (i) ______________ for a long time. Soya Bean is considered as (ii) _______ grain. Another name given to Soya bean is the (iii) ______________ taken from the soil.
Soya Bean plant and Bean plant are (iv) _______________ in their look. As soya bean contains protein and oil, it is very (v) _______________.

**Question 05** (20 marks)

Read the following text and answer the questions from 01-04

**Through hardships to succeed and fame**

Achievements never come easily. They are the fruits of sheer hard work, pain and suffering. One should never give up. Little boy had a desire and interest. His eyes were bright once he was passing that palace like house. To him it seemed to be the finest house in the world and he longed to have it for his own. He told his farther so and received the reply: ‘If you were to be very persevering and were to work very hard, you might someday come to live in it’.

Little Charles Dickens, for that was the boy’s name, kept the words in mind. When he grew up, all through his busy life as a writer, he was most persevering and a very hard worker; and when later in life, he was an author of some of the most famous stories in English, he was able to buy Gad’s Hill place, the house of his dreams, and to make it his home.

Charles Dickens had, however, many difficulties and hardships to meet and overcome before that time came. His boyhood was not an easy one. When Charles was only twelve, poverty and debt forced his father to give up his home, and the boy had to work in the London warehouse of a blacking factory for a wage of six or seven shillings a week. ‘What would I have given, if I had anything to give’ he said once, years after, when thinking of those unhappy, anxious times, ‘to have been sent to any school, to have been taught something somewhere! ‘For little Charles loved reading books. Sometimes they were queer books for a boy; but then he was, as himself said later, ‘a very queer small boy’.

At the warehouse as a labourer he stuck labels on blacking bottles all day long, hating his work but at the same time taking an odd pride in doing it as well he could, and keenly noticing everyone and everything about him. Still, it was a hard life for a twelve-year-old boy.
Yet matters soon mended. In a little while Mr. Dickens had more money to spend upon his family; they had a home once again and Charles was sent to school for two years. Though he was not a very good scholar, in his free time he liked nothing better than to write stories for his schoolmates and to help to produce plays and act in them.

(1) Say whether the following sentences are True or False by writing ‘T’ or “F” against them.

(a) He was very happy to read books. - ( ……… )
(b) He had an easy childhood. - ( ……… )
(c) He was able to learn much. - ( ……… )
(d) He worked hard. - ( ……… )

(2) Why is the buying of the house so special?

(3) How did he spend his spare time?

(4) As a ........................................ he had to ........................................ labels on blacking bottles.

(5) Underline the collect answer.

“As a writer he spent ...........................................”.

(a) a busy life  (b) a troublesome life  (c) a poor life

(6) Find the words from the passage which has the same meaning as the following.

(a) abandon - ........................................ (b) solved - ........................................

(7) What / Who do the following words referred to?

(a) his - ........................................ (b) they - ........................................
PART B – DIALOGUES

Question 06

Write a suitable dialogue based on the guidelines given below. Do not write more than one sentence in each response.

Situation: You meet a foreigner in the town. He seems to be in trouble.

Guide lines for writing the dialogue:

You : Greet him and offer him help.

1. .......................................................... ..........................................................

Foreigner : Greets you and says that he lost his travelling bag.

2. .......................................................... ..........................................................

You : Ask him about the bag and what there was.

3. .......................................................... ..........................................................


4. .......................................................... ..........................................................

You : Instruct him to go to the police station. Tell him the way to the police station.

5. .......................................................... ..........................................................

Foreigner : Thank you

Question 07

Nilusha wants to see a stage drama, but not alone. She invites her best friend Chamika to join her. Complete the missing parts of the dialogue between Niluka and Chamika.

Chamika : What can I do for you?
You : Chami, there’s a good stage drama at Vijaya auditorium. Shall (1) …………………
…………………………………………………………………………………………………….. ?

Chamika : Mmm, what’s the name of it and who is it by?

You : (2) …………………………………………………………………………………………….

Chamika: Never heard of it.

(3) …………………………………………………………………………………………….

You : It will be on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th .

Chamika : Well. (4) ……………………………………………………………………………….

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You : I’d like to see it on Saturday.

Chamika : (5) ……………………………………………………………………………………….

It will make a nice evening out. Bye. You : Bye.

**Question 08** (15 marks)

Dr. M. N. S. Disanayake is the cardiologist in Panadura Base Hospital. Sagarika’s mother was
admitted to this hospital following a severe chest pain. She has now been diagnosed as having
some cardiac (heart) disorder. Sagarika meets Dr. Disanayake and inquires him about her
mother’s health. The doctor says that there is no immediate risk, but the patient must be
carefully looked after in fact, she should take rest for a few months. Write the conversation that
took place between Sagarika and the doctor in the form of a dialogue. Each of the characters
must speak at least five times.

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PART C – Writing skills (65 marks)

Question 09 (05 marks)

Select any five words from the list of nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs given below and use each one of them in a meaningful sentence. You may use the verbs in any tense. Do not change the form of the words.

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<td>Verbs</td>
<td>respect, accept</td>
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<td>Adjectives</td>
<td>narrow, fantastic, immense</td>
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<td>Adverbs</td>
<td>appropriately, accurately, curiously</td>
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The following bar chart shows percentage of shares of expenditure for five major categories in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom and Japan in the year 2019. Summarize the information in the chart by selecting and reporting the main features and make comparisons where relevant. Use about 75 words.

Use the following words in your description.

highest percentage, lowest percentage, more than, less than, equal, increase, decrease
Imagine that the Interact Club of your college is going to stage a drama to raise funds to help the Sujatha Elders’ home close by. Write a letter to Tharuka, one of your cousins inviting her to come and see the drama. Include the following:
- The drama that you are going to stage
- The purpose of staging the drama
- When and where the event is going to be held

Use about 100-125 words. Do not exceed the word limit.
**Question 12**  
(15 marks)

The prefects’ guild of your college has decided to conduct a workshop on personality development. Write a letter inviting Mr. Sudam Ranathunge, who won the first place in the Best Speaker competition in 2019 to deliver a speech on that day.

Include the following: -

- when you would like him to come, but ask him to give a date that is convenient to him –
- who the audience will be –
- how long you would like him to speak

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**Question: 13**  
(20 Marks)

Knowledge of English and IT always create better job Opportunities. Do you agree? Write an essay, giving your opinions on this issue. Use about 150 - 175 words. Do not exceed the word limit.