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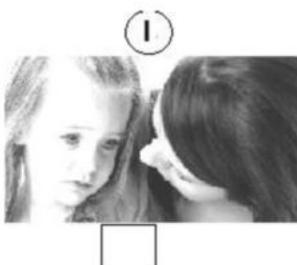
English Language

Time : 2 1/2 Hours

Instructions : Answer all the questions on the paper itself.

Test 1

Study the pictures and select 'What's she telling...?' Select the utterance and write the correct letter in the box.
(5 marks)











1. Hey, I have seen you somewhere...!
2. Are you still angry with me?
3. My Dear, your father will come soon...
4. Thanks, for the lovely dinner mother.
5. Let's plant trees and save the mother earth!

Test 2

Complete the sentence using the correct adverb given in the box.
One is done for you.

(5 marks)

normally / never / sometimes / rarely / always / usually

My days are pretty routine. I am on time for school every day. I (I) get late. That is only if I miss the school bus.

Do you (II) **normally** go to school by bus? Our class teacher (III)..... tell us to come to school early. She says it's a good habit.

My mother (IV)..... allows me to eat from the canteen because she is very keen about taking healthy food. But (v)..... I go with my friends to the canteen to eat yoghurt or to drink a packet of milk. I (vi) eat Happy yoghurt because I love the taste.

Test 3**Match the latest news with the headlines. Write the correct letter in the box. (10 marks)****One is done for you****a**

Russia has launched a life-size humanoid robot into space for the first time to carry out tasks considered too dangerous for humans.

b

Veteran fast bowler Lasith Malinga, who recently retired from ODI cricket, will lead Sri Lanka in the three-match T20I series against New Zealand, beginning on 1 September

c

Sri Lanka has been struggling with the issue of foreign waste being piled up at the Katunayake Free Trade Zone that surfaced during the past few weeks.

d

Due to the monthly increase in petrol prices, the Lanka Self-Employed Professionals' National Three-Wheeler Federation had decided to operate their three-wheelers without the fare meters.

e

Windy condition over the island, particularly in Central hilly areas, Northern, North-central and North-western provinces and in Trincomalee and Hambantota districts (up to 50 kmph) at times and showery condition in South-western part of the island is expected to continue.

f

Archaeologists in northern Peru have unearthed an ancient mural from the lost Caral civilization that is believed to be about 3,800 years old, officials reported. The discovery was made in the Vichama archaeological site.

1. Showery condition to continue
2. Archaeologists in Peru unearth ancient mural reflecting on the importance of water
3. Russia launches life-size robot into space
4. Three-wheeler Federation decides to operate without meters
5. Garbage scam: Who will be held responsible by the law?
6. Malinga returns to lead Sri Lanka in New Zealand T20Is

e

Test 4**Fill in the blanks using the correct words given in the boxes below. One is done for you. (5 marks)**

Brazil's Amazon rainforest is burning at a record rate, research center says...



Fires are raging at a record rate in Brazil's Amazon rainforest, and scientists warn that it could strike a devastating blow to the fight against climate change. (I)..... have been 72,843 fires in Brazil this year, with more than half (II)..... the Amazon region. That's more than an 80% increase compared with (III)..... same period last year. The Amazon is often referred (IV)..... as.... the planet's lungs, producing 20% of the oxygen in the Earth's (V)..... It is considered vital in slowing global warming and it (VI)..... home to uncountable species of fauna and flora. Roughly (VII).....the size of the United States, it is the largest rainforest (VIII)..... the planet. Dramatic images and videos on social media show (IX)..... clouds of smoke rising from the greenery and lines of (X).....leaving blackened waste. The smoke has covered nearly half of the country (XI).....is even spilling over into neighboring Peru, Bolivia and Paraguay.

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Test 5

Read the dialogue between Mihin and Thisura. Complete the dialogue by selecting the correct utterance given below. Write the correct letter in the box. *One is done for you.* (5 marks)

Mihin : Hello! Thisura, why are you in a hurry?

Thisura : Hi! I'm going (I)

Mihin : Did you hear about Kasun.

Thisura : (II) **d** these days.

Mihin : I met him with his mother (III)

Thisura : Why! What's wrong with him?

Mihin : He is fine but his mother was (IV)

Thisura : Is she serious?

Mihin : She is fine and it's (V)

Thisura : You mean, is the dog...!?

Mihin : Yes, luckily the dog (VI)

Thisura : Hey, that means, we too have to be careful with our dogs.

- (a) at the hospital,
- (b) is vaccinated,
- (c) bitten by a dog,
- (d) I didn't see him
- (e) their own dog
- (f) to see my uncle



Test 6

Imagine that you had a wonderful 'Children's day' celebrations in your school. Mention how you celebrated it with your friends and make a "Dairy Entry" using about 50 words. (5 marks)

...../...../2019

Dear Diary,

Test 7**Read and answer the questions given below.****(6 marks)**

By the time we got to the bridge it was very nearly dark. We could just see that the water was over the middle of it. But as that happened sometimes when the floods were out, master did not stop. We were going along at a good pace, but the moment my feet touched the first part of the bridge, I felt sure there was something wrong. I dared not to go forward, and I made a dead stop. "Go on Beauty," said my master, and he gave me a touch with the whip, but I dared not stir. He gave me a sharp cut: I jumped but I dared not to go forward. "There's something wrong, sir" said John, and he sprang out of the dog cart and came to my head and looked all about. He tried to lead me forward. "Come on Beauty, what's the matter?" Of course I couldn't tell him, but I knew very well the bridge was not safe. Just then the man at the toll-gate on the other side ran out of the house tossing a torch about like one mad. "Hoy, hoy, hoy, hallo, stop!" he cried.

"What's the matter?" shouted my master.

"The bridge is broken in the middle, and part of it carried away. If you come on you'll be into the river".

Black Beauty, by Anne Sewell.

1. Who wrote the story from which this extract is taken?

.....

2. Why the water level went up, in the middle of the bridge sometimes?

.....

3. Write out the question John asked the horse.

.....

4. What did Beauty do when the master give a sharp cut of the whip?

.....

5. Who is telling this story? Tick (✓)the correct box.

(a) Master (b) Beauty the horse (c) John

6. Underline TRUE statement according to the extract?

It was a fine sunny day.

Black Beauty saved the two people's life.

Master wanted Beauty not to cross the bridge.

Test 8**Study the pictures and complete the story. Use about 50 words.****(10 marks)**

One day Esandi decided to go on a morning walk with her pet Kitty. Suddenly Kitty

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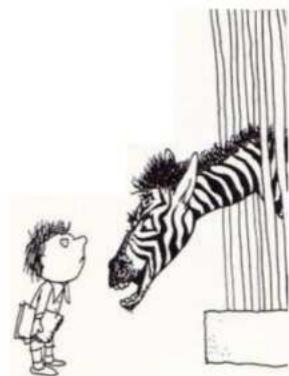
Test 9

(7 marks)

Read the poem and answer the questions given below.

Zebra Question By: Shel Silverstein

“I asked the Zebra,
are you black with white stripes?
Or white with black stripes?
And the zebra asked me,
Are you good with bad habits?
Or are you bad with good habits?
Are you noisy with quiet times?
Or are you quiet with noisy times?
Are you happy with some sad days?
Or are you sad with some happy days?
Are you neat with some sloppy ways?
Or are you sloppy with some neat ways?
And on and on and on and on and on and on he went.
I’ll never ask a zebra about stripes...again.”
How did zebra respond the question about the strips?



Put a ‘Tick’ (✓) in the correct box.

by telling about the colour of the strips (b) by asking back many questions

Read the poem and complete the table given below using appropriate words.

Noun	Verb	Adjective	Adverb	Pronoun	Preposition

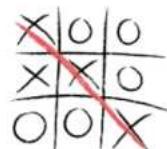
Test 10

Read the following passages and underline the irrelevant / odd sentences in each paragraph.
Penguin (6 marks)

There are 17 species of penguins can be found on the Southern Hemisphere. Emperor Penguins are the tallest species, standing nearly 4 feet tall. The smallest is the Little Blue Penguin, which is only about 16 inches. Seal can hold its breath for 2 hours which is a record in the animal world.

**Tic-tac-toe**

Tic-tac-toe, noughts and crosses, or Xs and Os is a paper-and-pencil game for two players, *X* and *O*, who take turns marking the spaces in a 3×3 grid. Hopscotch is a popular playground game. The player who succeeds in placing three of their marks in a horizontal, vertical, or diagonal row wins the game.

**Sigiriya**

Sigiriya is one of the most valuable historical monuments of Sri Lanka. It is probably the most visited tourist destination of Sri Lanka. In Yala safari there are elephants, monkeys, peacocks and spotted deer in their natural habitat. The palace is located in the heart of the island between the towns of Dambulla and Habarane.

**Find and write the similar words from the paragraphs given above.**

(4 marks)

variety of animals (Paragraph on Penguin)

straight up or down (Paragraph on Tic-tac-toe)

memorials (Paragraph on Sigiriya)

situated (Paragraph on Sigiriya)

Tick the correct box to complete the sentences. *One is done for you.*

(2 marks)

(a)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Emperor Penguins
<input type="checkbox"/>	Little Blue Penguins
<input type="checkbox"/>	Seal

..... are the tallest species, standing nearly 4 feet tall.

(b)

<input type="checkbox"/>	paper –and- paper
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<input type="checkbox"/>	pen -and -pen

Tick- Tack- Toe is a game for two players.

(c)

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Sigiriya is probably the most visited tourist of Sri Lanka

Test 11

Write a News Paper Article about “The Memorable Days in Grade 8”

Or

A speech to be delivered on the “Teachers’ Day.” Use about 75 words.

(10 marks)

You may include When is it held?

Who is it for and why?
How is it celebrated? etc.

Listening

(4 marks)

1. Listen to the extract of the reader 'Fun and games'. Underline the correct words to complete the sentences.
 - a) It is the evening / afternoon, and the sun is out.
 - b) The two children go down to the sands with their old / new kite.
 - c) They keep away from the other boys and girls and from the donkey / horse, so that they can run along the sea / sands.

2. Listen and label the picture.

(4 marks)



Speaking 12 marks

GRADE 8 English Language - Answer Sheet

Test No	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	Marks
1	c	e	a	d	b							5 marks
2	rarely	normally	always	never	sometimes	usually						5 marks
3	e	f	a	d	c	b						5 marks
4	There	in	the	as	atmosphe	is	half	on	giant	fire	and	5 marks
5	f	d	a	c	e	b						5 marks
6	Content 2	Language 2	Organization 1									5 marks
7	Anne Sewell	when the floods were out	What's the matter?	jumped	(b)	(b)						6 marks
8	Contents 5	Language 3	Mechanics of writing 2									10 marks
9	b	Any correct answer										7 marks
10	Seal can hold its breath for 2 hours which is a record in the animal world.		Hopscotch is a popular playground game.									6 marks
11	Contents 5	Language 3	Mechanics of writing 2									10 marks

	Test 1	5 marks	Test 7	6 marks
Test 2	5 marks	Test 8	10 marks	
Test 3	10 marks	Test 9	7 marks	
Test 4	5 marks	Test 10	12 marks	
Test 5	5 marks	Test 11	10 marks	
Test 6	5 marks	Listening	10 marks	Speaking 10 marks
Total				100

Grade 8 - Listening Texts English Language

(I)

It is the afternoon, and the sun is out. The two children go down to the sands with their new kite. They keep away from the other boys and girls and from the donkeys, so that they can run along the sands.

~~...We must not get in the way of the donkeys,~~ says Jane.

Peter says that Jane ~~said~~ have the kite first. ~~"You can pull it first," he says.~~



(II)

Uncle says, "You put Punch and Judy on your hands, like this. Then you make them talk."

"I see," says Peter. "I know the right way to do it now. Let me have Punch, I like him very much."

Peter puts Punch on one of his hands.

Then Jane says, "I'll have Judy. I know the right way now." She puts Judy on her hand. "I like Judy," she says.

Peter makes Punch say, "I'm Punch. I would like to live here with Peter."

Jane makes Judy say, "I'm Judy. I like Jane. I like this house."

Then Punch and Judy talk to one another. The two children have fun.

"I would like to take them to school to let the other children and our teacher see them," says Peter.

"Yes," says Jane, "let's take Punch and Judy to school when we go back."

They thank Uncle for his present.



Grade 8 Listening Text