

English Language

Grade 08

Year End Examination - 2015

Time: 02 Hours

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● **Answer all the questions on paper itself.**

01 Match the questions with the answers. Write the relevant letter in the box.

(a) In January	(b) Yes, I did	(c) Because I was ill
(d) No I don't have any	(e) Twenty kilometres	

(1) Why didn't you come yesterday ?
(2) Do you have any brothers ?
(3) How far is it to Negombo from Colombo ?
(4) Did you bring your lunch ?
(5) When did you buy your new bike ?

(05 marks)

02 Complete the blanks of the following paragraph using the given pronouns.

(his / he / their / they / him)

Malith Rathnayaka is an engineer (1) works in Sri Lanka Telecom
(2) is a busy person. (3) driver takes (4)
to (5) office (6) is paid Rs. 40000/= per month.
(7) wife is a teacher. (8) have two children. In
(9) leisure time (10) go on family trips.

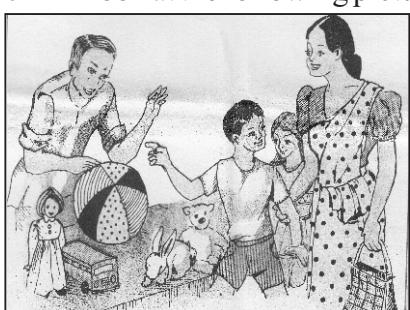
(10 marks)

03 Write the form of adjectives in the blanks of the following table.

	Positive	Comparative	Superlative
(a)	big	(1)	(2)
(b)	(3)	worse	(4)
(c)	(5)	(6)	best
(d)	long	(7)	(8)
(e)	(9)	more comfortable	(10)

04 Look at the following picture and write 5 sentences on it.

(10 marks)



(1)
(2)
(3)
(4)
(5)

(10 marks)

05 Write a note to your friend inviting him / her to your birthday.

06 Read the following notice and fill in the missing words. (05 marks)

NOTICE

The next meeting (1) our English Literary Association will be held (2) 2.00 p.m. (3) the 30th (4) November 2015 (5) the main hall. All the members are kindly requested to participate.

Secretary

(05 marks)

07 In your class your teacher of English asked you to prepare a collection of instructions to be displayed in different places of the school.

(1) How many groups were there for the activity ?

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(2) Write the names of five places of the school you prepared the instructions.

.....

.....

(3) Did you visit these places before you write instructions ?

.....

(4) Who helped you to get information ?

.....

(5) Write two things you learnt from the activity.

.....

(15 marks)

08 Fill in the blanks using the words given in the box.

interesting / published / popular / enjoyment / album / collectors /
exchanging / philately / increase / philatelic

Collecting stamps is a (1) hobby among children. One way of obtaining stamps is by (2) extras with other collectors. You can use a stamp (3) for mounting the stamps. Stamp Bulletins are very useful and (4) source of information for the stamp (5) These bulletins are (6) by the authorities for the issue of stamps in each country. In Sri Lanka, the Bulletin is released by the (7) Bureau with every new issue. It is a good idea to form a stamp club to (8) your knowledge. If you do (9) as your hobby, you will gain knowledge and (10) (10 marks)

09 Read the following text and answer the questions given below.

The blue whale is the largest animal ever to inhabit the earth. Its massive body is over one hundred feet in length and its weight is approximately 120 tons. The blue whale has lived in the oceans for almost a million years. It usually swims alone or in a family group of bull, cow and calf.

The blue whale is a vast store of food and raw materials. Its body produces as much as twenty tons of oil which is used to manufacture soap, margarine and ointment. Its bones are used for fertilizer, its tendons are used for making strings for tennis rackets.

Population of blue whales in the world today faces extinction. They are hunted and killed for the food and raw materials they provide for man.

(a) Why is the blue whale called the largest animal on the earth ?

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(b) What is the whale - oil used for ?

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(c) Why is the whale population facing extinction ?

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(d) How long has it been living ?

.....

(e) How do they behave in the sea ?

..... (05 marks)

10 Join the following pairs of sentences using who / which.

(1) This is my sister. She helps me in my studies.

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(2) He has a dog. It can walk on a wire.

¹⁰ See, for example, the discussion of the 1992 Constitutional Convention in the *Constitutional Convention of 1992: The Final Report* (1993).

(3) Yesterday we bought some apples. They tasted sour.

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(4) The old man is a good writer. He lives next door.

(5) Yasaisuru is a book shop. It sells quality books.

.....
(10 marks)

11 Complete the blanks with the correct form of the verb.

(1) If he (run) he'll get there in time.

(2) If it stops raining you can (go) out.

(3) If she (have) a map she will lend it to you.

(4) If you practice well, you (win) the match.

(5) If Gavantha (study) well, he can get a good job.

12 Write an essay on **one** of the following topics. Write in about 150 words.

(05 marks)

(1) Useful Ways of Spending Leisure. (2) A trip that I went.

(3) Let's Protect Wild Life

..... (10 marks)