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Grade - 8

English Language

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2.00 Hours

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS ON THIS PAPER ITSELF.

Test 1

Select the suitable antonyms from column B for the words given in column A. Put the numbers in the brackets.

A	B	
1. Legal	Discourage	()
2. Complex	Defeat	()
3. Foreign	Illegal	()
4. Encourage	Simple	()
5. Victory	Local	()

(1x5=5 marks)

Test 2

Write the plural forms of the uncountable nouns given below. The 1st one is done for you.

1. A glass of water	–	... glasses of water
2. A sheet of paper	–
3. A bag of rice	–
4. A piece of cake	–
5. A packet of milk	–
6. A slice of bread	–

(1x5=5 marks)

Test 3

Fill in the blanks using suitable words to describe the picture given below.



This is a picture of a (1) There are four people in this picture. A lady is (2) and a man is watching (3) A boy at the door has a (4) in his hand. A cat is (5) on the floor. Some flowers are (6) the vase. The girl (7) the bookshelf is talking over the (8) A ball of thread is in the (9) There are many (10) in the bookshelf. (1x10=10 marks)

Test 4

Choose the appropriate reflexive pronouns to make meaningful sentences.

1. My classmates did the decorations by (ourselves / themselves).
2. The boy (himself / myself) made the kite.
3. Did you do it all by (yourself / herself)?
4. The deer defended (ourselves / itself) from the tiger.
5. I (myself / himself) completed the assignment. (1x5=5 marks)

Test 5

Put the jumbled words in correct order to form meaningful sentences. First one is done for you.

- a) he / avoided / could / easily / accident / have / the

.....
He could have avoided the accident easily.

- b) schools / most / the / at / 7.30 a.m / of / start

- c) habit / Reading / good / a / is

- d) prepare / Akshara / has / a / to / speech

- e) prepares / mother / meals / my / morning / early / the

- f) teacher / Nature / excellent / is / an

..... (2x5=10 marks)

Test 6

Read the poem and answer the questions given below.

The Kitten at Play

by William Wordsworth

See the kitten on the wall,
Sporting with the leaves that fall,
Withered leaves, one, two and three
Falling from the elder tree,
Through the calm and frosty air
Of the morning bright and fair.

- i. Where is the kitten?
- ii. What is it sporting with?
- iii. Fill in the blanks. The (a) leaves are falling from the (b) tree.
- iv. Say true (T) or false (F).
 - a. The fresh leaves are falling from the younger tree. (.....)
 - b. The morning is bright and fair. (.....)
- v. Find the rhyming words
 - a). wall – fall b). three - c). air -

(5 Marks)

Test 7

Fill in the blanks with the suitable conjunction given in brackets. First one is done for you.

1. It was very hot inside the room..... So..... (So / But) I switched on the fan.
2. I did not go to school yesterday..... (since / before) it was a holiday.
3. I like to play volleyball..... (but / so) my friend likes tennis.
4. Brush your teeth..... (after / before) going to bed.
5. I want to buy a shirt..... (and / but) a pair of trousers.
6. He couldn't take the book.....(as/so)it was too high.

(1x5=5 marks)

Test 8

Fill in the blanks with the suitable form of adjective given within brackets.

1. Aarujan is than Arani. (tall)
2. Pineapples are than oranges. (sweet)
3. This is the book I've ever read. (sad)
4. Winter is the Season. (cold)
5. My bag isthan yours. (heavy)
6. Sana's dress is than mine. (short)
7. Summer isthan autumn. (hot)
8. An elephant isthan a mouse. (big)
9. This TV is the one at the shop. (big)
10. Akshara can runthan Aarush. (fast)

(10x1=10 Marks)

Test 9.

Fill in the blanks in this dialogue using the utterances given in the box. Write the correct letter in the blank. The first one is done for you.

Meera: Good morning Priya.

Priya : b.....

Meera : How are you today?

Priya :

Meera : I am good. When did you return from Kandy?

Priya :

Meera :Who came with you?

Priya :

Meera : How did you go there?

Priya : a.....

Meera :Did you enjoy the journey?

Priya :

- a) I went there by train.
 - b) Good morning Meera
 - c) Yes. I enjoyed a lot.
 - d) I returned on the last Sunday.
 - e) I am fine, how are you?
 - f) My mother came with me.

(5x2=10 Marks)

Test 10

Complete the blanks using the words given in the brackets

Kiwi is the Nationalof New Zealand. There arespecies of Kiwi and all them are flightless and nocturnal. They are in colour and are the same in size as a..... They have hidden wings and hair like feathers. Unlike other birds that have nostrils at the base, kiwis have their on the tip of their bill. Thebirds lay comparatively large eggs that canup to about 500 grams. Relative to the size of the bird, this is the..... egg of any living species.

[biggest /five /weigh /nostrils /bird /brown/of /chicken /soft / female]

(10x1=10 Marks)

