

# Sri Jayawardenapura Education Zone

First Term Evaluation-2019	Grade 13
	1 Hour

## General English

### Paper I

#### Part A – Grammar and Vocabulary

(35 marks)

#### Question 1

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

into, at, for, in, towards, along
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(05 marks)

Last Saturday, my mother had a big surprise (1)..... my sister and I. We were visiting the amusement park! Excitedly, we packed our lunch and hopped (2)..... the car. Mother drove (3)..... the Freeway and across the town (4).....our destination. Finally, we arrived (5)..... the Thrills and Chills Amusement Park. We started running in different directions.

#### Question 2

Fill in each blank with the correct form of the verb given in brackets. (10 marks)

When I went to the airport, I (1)..... (learn) that the plane from Canada, on which my brother was travelling (2)..... (delay) at Dubai with engine trouble and was expected to be about an hour late. As a habit I can pass the time quite happily (3)..... (watch) the planes land and take off. But that evening I (4)..... (have) a headache, which I thought the noise of the engines (5)..... (make) it worse. I decided, therefore, (6)..... (walk) around. The walk in the fresh air (7)..... (do) me good, I made my way to the restaurant, where I (8)..... (order) a cup of black coffee. When I had finished my coffee, I (9)..... (go) along to the book-stall where I bought a couple of magazines, both of them about travel, which definitely (10)..... (help) to make the time pass pleasantly.

#### Question 3

Underline the correct word from these given within brackets to fill in the blanks in the following text. (10 marks)

Taj Mahal is considered as one of the modern Seven Wonders of the World. It was built as (1)..... (a, an, the) tomb. In this case the tomb was built by

(2)..... (a, an, the) heartbroken Emperor when (3)..... (he, his, him) wife died.

The Taj Mahal (4)..... (who, whose, which) is in Agra, India is a tomb built of white marble (5)..... (but, and, or) is world famous for (6)..... (it, it's, its) beauty. It (7)..... (is, was, are) constructed as (8)..... (some, an, a) act of love when Mumtaz Mahal died.

It is said that Shah Jehan saddened by her death locked (9)..... (him, himself, his) up in his own apartment without food for (10)..... (more, some, few) days and when he finally came out his hair had turned white.

#### Question 4

**Underline the correct word/phrase from those given within brackets.** (05 marks)

- 1) The (suspect, prisoner, accused, witness) was found not guilty of the trial and was acquitted.
- 2) Kumar (dwells, occupies, inhabits, lives) a room in his aunty's house.
- 3) The country remained (completely, contradictory, boastfully, diplomatically) isolated, as it has every natural resource.
- 4) We have a (flexible, feasible, unworthy, tough) plan for our business.
- 5) There is a (relationship, agreement, bond, link) between drug dealing and shooting.

#### Question 5

**Underline the correct word-ending, selecting from those given in brackets.**

(05 marks)

A long time ago there (1) liv..... (es, ed, ing) an old farmer with his cow, Handaya. She was a (2) won..... (derfully, derfu, der) white cow and was very kind to her master, Siripala. They had lived together for many years. Handaya was always (3) fast..... (ens, en, ened) to a tree. She was often sad and sometimes she didn't eat her food. Every day She (4) look..... (s, ed, ing) at the big mountains and dreamed of being free to (5) expl..... (ore, ode, oring) them.

#### 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) If I had not taken the taxi, I wouldn't have caught my flight.**

- i. I missed my flight.
- ii. I didn't miss my flight.
- iii. I will not miss my flight.
- iv. My mom has bought me a flight.

**2) All but the last demand of the employees were accepted by the organization.**

- i. All demands were accepted except the last one.
- ii. All demands including the last one were rejected.
- iii. Except the last demand all the other were rejected.
- iv. All the demands were accepted.

**3) Nimali had her shoes repaired.**

- i. She repaired her shoes herself.
- ii. She decided to repair her shoes.
- iii. She got someone to repair her shoes.
- iv. She could not repair her shoes.

**4) In spite of the noise we heard the songs.**

- i. We didn't hear as there was noise.
- ii. There was noise, so we heard the songs.
- iii. We heard the songs as there was no noise.
- iv. There was noise, but we heard the songs.

**5) I had barely finished studying when the lights went off.**

- i. I did not finish studying.
- ii. I have just finished studying.
- iii. I quickly finished studying.
- iv. When the lights went off I stopped studying.

### Question 7

**Read the following marriage proposal which appeared in the Sunday Observer and answer the questions (a) and (b).** (10 marks)

A well-employed, fair, slim pretty partner below 29 years is sought by B/K parent for her professionally qualified Engineer son 32 years, 5'6" handsome, smart, very young looking with sober habits. Presently employed as a lecturer in a prestigious university U.S.A. where he obtained his B.Sc. (Hons.), reading for M.Sc. finals. He is visiting S/L in August. He inherits a house, a vehicle and other assets as well. Kindly furnish full details, horoscope and contact number. MG6241 (10 marks)

a) Underline the most appropriate response in each of the question from 1 – 4

1) Which of the following is true about the advertisement?

- i. This proposal is for a girl.
- ii. This proposal is for a boy.
- iii. This proposal is for a widow.
- iv. This proposal is for a divorcee.

2) The person involved in this advertisement is working as,

- i. a doctor
- ii. an engineer
- iii. a university lecturer
- iv. a university student

3) The partner should be,

- i. below 32 years
- ii. below 29 years
- iii. above 29 years
- iv. between 29-32 years

4) Which of the following is not mentioned in the advertisement?

- i. The occupation

- ii. The appearance
- iii. Educational qualifications
- iv. Complexion of the person

b) Does the following statements agree with the information given in the above advertisement? In boxes 5-10 write True, False or Not Given.

<b>True</b>	<b>If the statement is correct</b>
<b>False</b>	<b>If the statement is wrong</b>
<b>Not Given</b>	<b>If there is no sufficient information</b>

	Statements	
5)	The boy is currently living in the U.S.A.	
6)	He is studying while working.	
7)	It is his father who has written the advertisement.	
8)	The boy is looking for a girl who doesn't work.	
9)	"Sober" in line 4 means well mannered.	
10)	His job is permanent.	

### Question 8

**Write a paragraph beginning with the given sentences. Use about 75-100 words. Do not exceed the word limit. Do not write more than one paragraph. (10 marks)**

Using mobile phones should be strictly banned among school children, because it badly affects their upbringing.

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